2004

GOIN'

High Plains Community

PLATINUM

High Plains Community Schools

GOING PLATINUM

205 W Pearl
Clarks

418 3rd Street
Hordville

345 S Pine
Polk

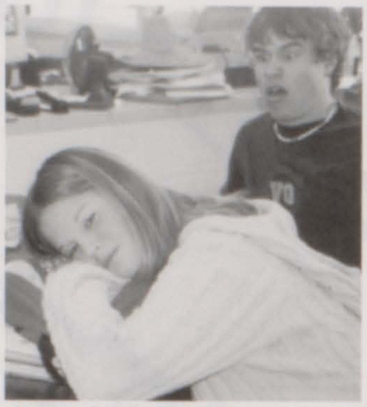
271 South Pine
Polk

Volume IV

People In HPC

Who's Who in our school?

Right: **Garrison Swanson**, **Prudence Page**, and **Ryan Rathjen** are all monkeying around.



Above: **Austin Person** looks disgusted at the fact that **Kendra Stevens** is almost asleep. Or maybe it's a monster, Austin declined on commenting.

Right: **Kayla Roberts** and **Christina Rhodes** look really nice while the **Chris Thornton** and **Justin Blase** try to "crash" the picture.

Prudence Page and **Jessica Braasch** seem to be the only ones to know that there is a "reporter" in the room.

Above: **Mrs. Lott** questions **Dustin Meyer's** work while he is "deep" in thought.

Above far right: The softball girls have fallen but it will take a group effort to try to get up.

Right: **Corinna Vrbka** and **Lindsay Garrett** pose for this picture as if they were trying to say "Aren't we cute?"

Top left: The High Plains Community fans toss up a fist at the competition.

Below left: "What are you thinking about **Hana Lindburg**?" The other students seem to be involved in the assembly.

Below: **Krystal Ditloff** and **Erin Hammond** smiles really big for this photo.

Above: High Plains Community student body tries to listen as the rules are being laid down.

Left: **Dillon Nielsen**, **Trevor Labarge**, and **Cody Means**, are really trying to ruin **Meghan Hammond's** and **Krystal Ditloff's** girl time.

High School

Class of 2007

Frankie Anderson

Nicholas Beck

Justin Blase

Jessica Braasch

Emily Buhr

Megan Burruss

Megan Carson

Heather Church

Kevin Church

Dustin Curtis

Nicole Davis

Logan Glasser

Skye Hejtmanek

Travis Kuhn

Trevor Labarge

Amanda Liegl

Hana Lindburg

Mallory McKinnis

Cody Means

Dillon Nielsen

Trent Norquest

Ryan Rathjen

Kayla Roberts

Isaac Samuelson

Todd Schulze

Kylie Shoup

Kendra Stevens

Garrison Swanson

Thomas Thies

Tara Tonniges

Jonella Yrkoski

Right: **Gary Brockevelt** and **Aly Wruble** at the homecoming dance.
Far right: **Josh Gustafson** gets the worse of the stunt from **Brent Zoucha** and **Austin Person** at the homecoming pep rally.
Bottom right: **Kelli Stevens** and **Candice Swedenburg** in the dugout of a softball game.

Class of 2005

Nathan Anderson

Vinny Bittinger

Justin Byrd

Morgan Comer

Sami Danklesen

Mistina Liegl

Levi Lindburg

Dustin Meyer

Abby Necker

Kristin Opfer

Prudence Page

Class of 2006

Brandon Bankson

Kayla Beck

Whitney Flinn

Laura Garey

Joshua Gustafson

Erin Hammond

Meghan Hammond

Heidi Hanquist

Joshua Hohnholt

Josh Hudson

Heather Klingsporn

Tiffany Kowalski

John Lindgren

Stephen Opfer

Calvin Rahrs

Lauren Redman

Christina Rhodes

Drew Rodine

Brent Scherer

Danielle Sneed

Kelli Stevens

Ashley Strobel

Haley Stromberg

Amber Swanson

Candice Swedenburg

Christopher Thornton

Chris Ziemba

The junior class at their first class meeting listening to Mrs. Downs explain prom details.

The dance floor is crowded for this song.

Three freshmen boys in the hall again!

Brent Scherer and **Stephanie Gray** performing in the play.

Samantha Dubas

Holly Engel

Christopher Fowler

Dustin Kufeldt

Brett Kuhn

Jessica Shotkoski

Casey Sneed

Heather Steinke

Corinna Vrbka

Brent Zoucha

The dance team performs at a football game.

Class of 2004 in the 80's

Brian Beck

Adam Blase

Gary Brockevelt

Dustin Carlson

Sadie Church

Tiffany Crouch

Krystal Ditloff

Lindsay Garrett

Stephanie Gray

Jesse Hammond

Ivy Hetmanek

Katie Holorf

Lindsey Johansen

Nichole Labarge

Sara Lott

Eric Menke

Andrew Mundt

Austin Person

Anthony Shively

Sara Sweet

Shane Taylor

Donna Wilson

Alyson Wruble

Kyle Yrkoski

Brian Beck

Adam Blase

Gary Brockevelt

Dustin Carlson

Sadie Church

Tiffany Crouch

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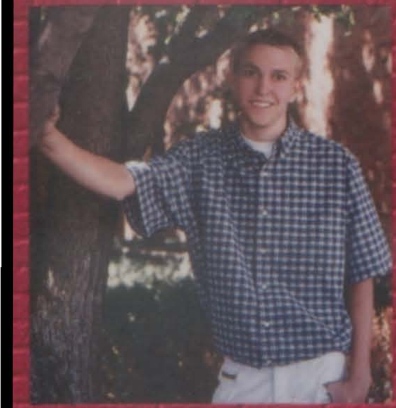
Eric Menke



Andrew Mundt

Austin Person

Anthony Shively

Sara Sweet

Shane Taylor

Donna Wilson

Alyson Wruble

Kyle Yrkoski

Flower

White Rose tipped with Teal

Song

Small Town

Class of 2004

Color

Teal, Black and Silver

Motto

What appears to be the end may really be a new beginning.

Left: **Sara Sweet** and **Donna Wilson** will never grow up.
Right: **Tiffany Crouch**, **Krystal Ditloff**, and **Ivy Hejtmanek** decided to lay back for this day of school.
Below middle: **Eric Menke** doesn't really like pictures but being in the yearbook class has its disadvantages.

BULLDOGS
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So, **Brian Beck** and **Jesse Hammmond,** what were you thinking?

We fortunately caught the elusive three in a shot that will baffel **Adam Blase**, **Dustin Carlson**, and **Shane Taylor**.

HIGH PLAINS COMMUNITY

Gary Brockevelt, "What are you doing to **Kyle Yrkoski**?" We'll just ask Andrew Mundt.

This year has been filled with surprises. Many of us are really starting to wonder what is next...? As the class of 2004, we would like to remind the next graduating class that time flies, so remember to cherish what you have. Oh and "Have fun!!!"

Class officers were elected as follows: Jesse Hammond president, Austin Person vice president, Anthony Shively secretary, Eric Menke treasurer, and Gary Brockevelt student council representative. Meetings were held and decisions were made. The only thing left is to graduate.

Class of 2004

LAYIN' THE
DOWN!

Left: **Austin Person** and **Jesse Hammond** all admire **Anthony Shively** as he gives his crowd pleasing speech.
Above: **Andrew Mundt**, **Austin Person**, and **Gary Brockevelt** are all very busy while **Stephanie Gray** would rather be playing peek-a-boo.
Right: **Krystal Ditloff** is screaming as **Austin Person** takes her for a spin.

Seniors

Stephanie Gray, **Lindsey Johansen**, **Lindsay Garrett**, **Krystal Ditloff**, and **Sara Lott** get nice and cozy for a special picture at their final homecoming dance.

Aly Wruble and **Nichole Labarge** seem to be enjoying thier time out of class.

Below: **Brian Beck** takes some time to think.

Below: **Stephanie Gray**, **Jesse Hammond**, **Donna Wilson**, **Nichole Labarge**, and **Katie Holtorf** are all trying to save the moment for the camera.

We finally got you! Smile, **Kyle Yrkoski.**

Ivy Hejtmanek, **Tiffany Crouch**, and **Katie Holtorf** smile real big, it is your last year.

Sara Sweet and **Sadie Church** are really enjoying this class!

~JuNiOrS~

This year's juniors had no problem keeping themselves busy all year. In addition to planning and decorating for prom, they had to get all of the hard classes out of the way, and start thinking about their future. The juniors sold magazines at the beginning of the year, to help raise money for prom. The biggest decision to make was how to spend all that money on the decorations they want for the highly anticipated prom night.

The class officers were: Holly Engel - President, Levi Lindburg - Vice President, Casey Sneed - Secretary, Vinny Bittinger - Treasurer, Samantha Dubas - Student Council Representative.

Above: **Vinny Bittinger** shows off his super-cool hat while working concessions at a softball game. Right: Is **Brett Kuhn** showing his school spirit, or just showing his inner self?

Holly Engel, Heather Steinke, Abby Necker, Corinna Vrbka, Morgan Comer, Prudence Page, and **Samantha Dubas** sit in boredom in their science class.

Kristin Opfer, Abby Necker, and **Heather Steinke** take time out of American History class to pose for a picture.

Levi Lindburg (left) is out loitering in the halls, when he ought to be in class getting an education, and **Brent Zoucha** (right) has been attacked by a balloon full of shaving cream.

Dustin Kufeldt (right) and **Nate Anderson** (right) love class so much, you can just see the joy in their faces.

Vinny Bittinger and **Chris Fowler** contemplating what kind of trouble they can get into today.

Brent Zoucha, Vinny Bittinger, Holly Engel, Samantha Dubas, and **Justin Byrd** work together to try to untangle the rope as fast as they can during homecoming week.

Justin Byrd gets ready to stuff his mouth with marshmallows for a relay race during homecoming week.

Jessie Shotkoski and **Tiffany Swanson** get in the Christmas spirit.

Sami Danklesen and **Casey Sneed** little kids at heart.

Class Of 2005

The juniors here look excited about the class meeting where Mrs. Downs explains magazine sales and everything they must do for prom.

Prudence Page (top) and **Samantha Dubas** (middle) are busy working on their art projects, but **Dustin Meyer** would rather express his artistic side by wearing a bucket on his head.

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Josh Hohnholt participates in a lunchroom game where he had to knock the ball off the bottle without knocking over the bottle.

Below: Smile **Amber Swanson** and **Whitney Flinn**, the camera loves ya!!

Dani Sneed trys her skill at the bottle game.

Josh Hudson and **Chris Ziemba**, are you working?

Haley Stromberg, **Christian Rhodes**, and **Larey Garey**, the lunchtime gang.

Sophomores

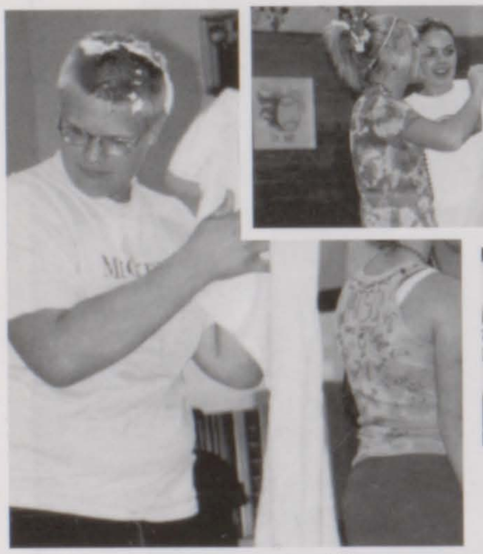
As fellow sophomores we would like to say it is fun to play the limbo game. We aren't just getting here and we haven't been here forever. Yes, we know that we rock but being in the middle, that is another case. Although we love where we are now, next year leads to new heights.

Class officers were elected at the class meeting held in August. President: Chris Ziemba, Vice-President: Candice Swedenburg, Secretary: Kayla Beck, Treasurer: Brandon Bankson, and Student Council Representative Erin Hammond.

One activity was planned for the year; selling pizza at a football game. At least its a start to raising money for next year.

Heidi Hanquist working on a project. Lookin' good,Heidi!.

Kayla Beck, thats illegal... you are having too much fun in school!



Josh Gustafson (top) wonders if he can trust the seniors, while **Calvin Rahrs** says "Obviously not."

Heather Klingsporn and **Meghan Hammond** got spirit, yes they do, they got spirit, how 'bout you?

Laura Garey and **Haley Stromberg** show off the masterpiece while **Chris Thornton** shows off his love for the Midwesterners gang.

NOTTING HILL
VENICE
CALIFORNIA
EAGLE

Erin Hammond, **Candice Swedenburg**, **Lauren Redman**, and **Ashley Strobel** pause from their loitering in the halls to take a picture.

Tiffany Kowalski, Haley Stromberg and **Christina Rhodes** being "Superstars!"

Sophomores take time out of their lunch break to snap a photo for their high school memories.

Class of 2006

Freshmen

Below: **Ryan Rathjen** and **Mrs. Gilson.** This is one reason why Mrs. Gilson is truly afraid to come to school everyday.

Right: Is **Todd Schulze** unleashed, or is he just expressing his true feeling's of Mr. Walford's Keyboarding class?

This is your brain...
OCTOBER

Right: A group of Freshmen during Homecoming week observing the eating relay race during noon.

Right below: **Frankie Anderson**, **Todd Schulze**, **Kendra Stevens**, **Tara Tonniges**, and **Skye Hejtmanek** posing for a group picture. The problem with this picture is, why does it seem like Todd Schulze is plotting a devious plan? The only question is...what?

The first order of business for the Freshmen class is to elect officers. The following were chosen at their class meeting. Justin Blase-President, Tara Tonniges-Vice President, Isaac Samuelson-Secretary, Nic Beck-Treasurer, and Travis Kuhn-Student Council Representative.

Not much happens for this class during their first year in the high school. When asked about their year Justin Blase said, "It's gone by fast, and hope there's more snow days." Jessica Braasch had this to say, "This year is going by fast and I'm havin' fun!" Logan Glasser learned an important lesson during football and stated, "Never close your eyes during a tackling drill." Ryan Rathjen might have had the best advice with "You never know until you try. So go for it." Thomas Thies had a different view and said "Thank god it is almost over." Garrison Swanson summed up the year with this quote, "Friends, wedgies, and rhinos...peanut butter, oh and one more thing...class of 2007 rules!

Left: **Jonella Yrkoski** and **Emily Buhr** posing for a picture during Keyboarding class.

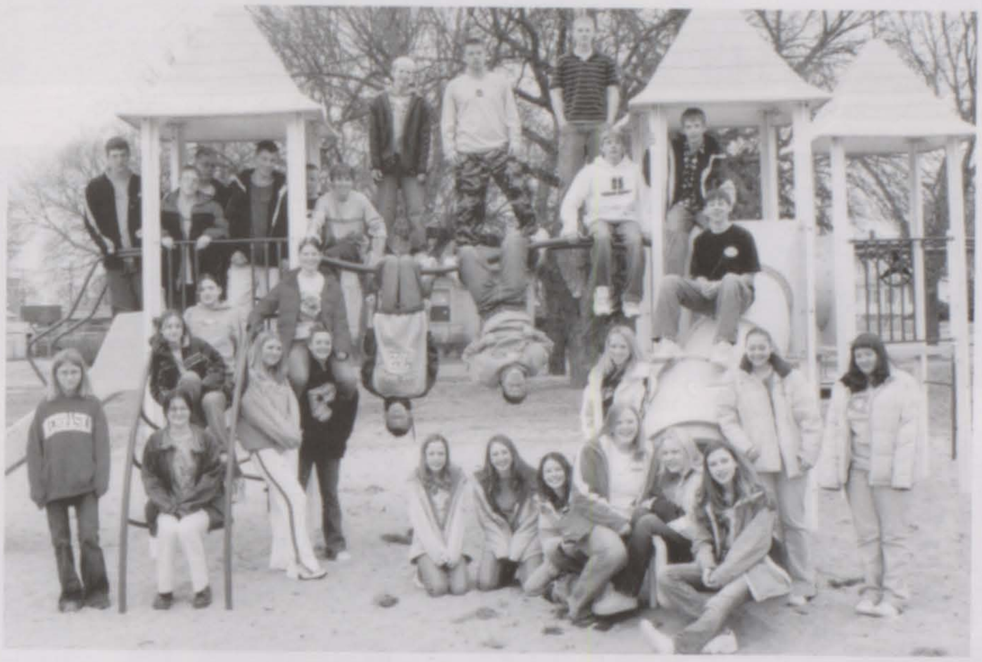
Right: **Isaac Samuelson** and **Travis Kuhn**. Come on Travis Kuhn, smile for the camera. It's not like it'll take your soul.

Below: **Heather Church**, **Kylie Shoup**, and **Megan Carson** taking time to show their smiles.

Right: First day of school for the Freshmen class, having a class meeting to elect officers.

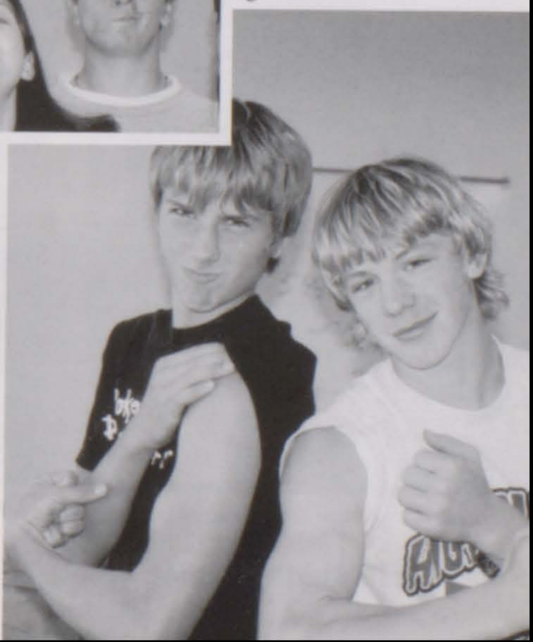
Left: **Ryan Rathjen** way in the back says: "Let me be president".

Class of 2007



Below: "**Nic Beck**, can you say Superstar?"

Below: **Todd Schulze** and **Travis Kuhn** showing off their muscles..."aren't we egotistic!"



Top left: **Ryan Rathjen**, **Cody Means**, and **Kevin Church** having Art class in the hallway.

Top right: "**Kayla Roberts** and **Justin Blase** up to something, we're sure!"

Top: "**Trevor Labarge**, can you give us directions on how to avoid school?"

8th Grade

Matthew
Anderson

Randy
Armagost

Anthony
Beck

Denise
Carlstrom

Caleb
Church

Erin
Davis

Joseph
Ditloff

Jesse
Dubas

Brooke
Engel

Grant
Friesen

Nicholas
Gustafson

Sarah
Hammond

Amanda
Hanquist

Nate
Hoffman

Kyle
Hohnholt

Hiliary
Kortum

Matthew
Lampshire

David
Oliver

Michael
Opfer

Garrett
Reimers

Jeremiah
Reyner

Trevor
Schnabel

Sarah
Staniec

Sean
Steinke

Lacey
Stromberg

Brittany
Swanson

Sonja
Swanstrom

Alison
Veburg

Talus
Vest

Clete
Vrbka

Danika
Wirrick

Margo
Wurtz

Mary
Ziemba

Middle School

Middle School students dressed up on Halloween Day.

Girls singing at the Christmas concert.

On Veteran's Day all the students said the Pledge of Allegiance and had a demonstration in folding the American flag by the flag pole.

6th graders in Art class.

7th Grade

Jacob Armagost

Terry Bankson

Aaron Blase

Erin Blase

Brett Church

Adam Danklesen

Grace Edson

Jasmine Epperly

Josh Fitzgerald

Ashley Fleming

Joseph Fowler

Rebecca Geidel

Corbey Grause

Britny Kava

Malynda Kowalski

Tanner Kuhn

Haley Menke

Carl Rahrs

Tyler Rathjen

Heather Reimers

Luke Samuelson

Thania Sanchez

Cheyanne Schultz

Calvin Shively

Haley Strobel

Anna Swanson

Donald Wilson

6th Grade

Amanda Burruss

Jason Church

Destiney Curtis

Arianna DeMary

Coutney Doremus

Evan Graves

Jonathon Hanquist

Bryan Hohnholt

Jared Hollenbeck

Lacey Jarecke

Courtney Johnson

Jacob Kennedy

Shelby Labarge

Hannah Lott

Dawn Matson

Wyatt Miller

Johnathon Oliver

Katrina Quick

Joshua Reyner

Tricia Roberts

Jamee Scherer

Rachel Shotkoski

William Stearns

Kory Stevens

Jason Vincent

Robert Wilson

K

William Bolton

Lucas Dankelsen

Josh DeMers

Caleb Donovan

Chloe Engel

Tyson Fate

Seth Fothergill

Garrett Lesiak

Adam Lindgren

Joshua Miller

Morgan Miller

Matthew Pekarek

Gavin Swanson

Riley Szatko

Cheyanna Taylor

Kyler VanHousen

Taylor Williams

1st

Andrew Adelson

Rachel Beck

Lindy Eberle

Phoebe Edson

Trey Engel

Cale Harless

Katelyn Hoffman

Kassidy Kucera

Garrett Marshall

Amber Scherer

Danielle Shenk

Lane Stevens

Samantha Wall

Destiny Williams

Joshua Wilshusen

Y-Vonne Wirrick

Jabe Wurtz

2nd

Kendyl Beck

Cale Bolton

Justin Brittain

Mariana Chavez

Cole Church

Randy Church

Cheyenne Doremus

A. J. Edwards

Logan Engel

Chelsie Feik

Logan Fleming

Wyatt Fleming

Madison Flinn

Sydney Goertzen

Reva Graves

Tyler Hoffman

Ben Kowalski

Tyler Martin

Jacob Miller

Cody Morris

Lindsey Morris

Emily Osantowski

Jami Ostberg

Sarah Schnabel

Dylan Shenk

Randi Tomasek

Kaitlin Verba

Mike Wilson

3rd

Austyn Beck

Kyle Beck

Lacey Brittain

Brandon Burruss

Laura Chavez

Lane Church

Colton DeMary

Shelbi Dittmer

Tanner Fate

Tonye Fisher

Megan Fitzgerald

Ethan Fleming

Eric Goertzen

Erika Griffiths

Elizabeth Hay

Emily Kuhn

Elizabeth Oliver

Jacob Reyner

Craig Roberts

Karla Sanchez

Trev Sharman

Andrea Stachura

Regan Szatko

Katie VanHous

Morgan VanHousen

Brianna Verba

Paul Ward

Mikaela Wilshusen

4th

Jake Anderson

Adam Bannister

Derek DeMers

Colton Flinn

Tanner Hannappel

Zachary Hejtmanek

Jasmine Johnson

Hilary Kava

Kersten Kucera

Brittany Martin

Dalton McWain

Chancy Miller

Ashley Morri

Shala Ostberg

Carly Redman

Kendra Samuelson

Kyle Sheehan

MacKenzie Stevens

Steven Thies

Tyler Tomasek

5th

Ariana Bolton

Brooke Brown

Ian Carson

Sara Church

Sierra Dittmer

Taylor Doremus

Isabelle Edson

Whitney Engel

Josh Fisher

Jessica Geide

Jordan Gustafson

Nealey Hoffman

Kylie Jarecke

Kayla Kucera

Trevor Osantowski

Kaylee Reimers

Laurie Riblett

Taylor Scherer

Courtney Schnab

Tyler Sneed-Quinonez

Ashley Swanson

Daniel Thies

Trent Tonniges

James VanHousen

Ryland Veburg

Caroline Wilson

Administratin

Sandra Anderson
4th Grade

Karol Bankson-Recknor
Speech Pathologist

Terri Beck
4th Grade

Vickie Beck
Computer/Media

Karen Benner
Reading/English

Annette Branting
Custodian

Dale Buller
Principal

Bonnie Campbell
5th Grade

Rod Drews
Music/Band

Angie Eberle
Special Education

Cheryl Fowler
Secretary/Bus Driver

Darlene Fowler
Cook

Anne Garrett
English/Math

Linda Gilson
Family & Consumer Science

Marla Glasser
Aide

Dennis Gray
Superintendent

Dianne L'Heureux
3rd Grade

Kelly Lesiak
2nd Grade

Karyee LeSuer
Principal

Mike Lind
5th Grade

Dorla Lindburg
3rd Grade

Frances Lott
Art

Leigh Metcalf
Spanish

Steve Meyer
Physical Education

Chris Thoms
Physical Education

Debra Ueckert
1st Grade

Lea Veburg
Aide

Pat Vest
Math/Computer

Andy Vrbka
Social Studies

Jodie Vrbka
Secretary

Don Walford
Business

Donna Werner
Custodian

Changes took place this year in the area of staff and administrators. Three staff members retired at the end of the year. Mrs. Downs, the Math teacher for the last 33 years started her teaching career at Hordville High School in 1973 and has continued to teach through both mergers here at High Plains. After five years at Clarks and High Plains, Mr Buller decided to retire. He has been in education for the last 41 years. Sandra Anderson also retired. She started teaching kindergarten at Hordville in 1976 which she has taught for 15 years, moved to 5th for 12 years and 4th grade for one year during her 28 years of service to our district.

We gained an English teacher. Kelly Potter joined the staff for her first year of teaching. Other changes made during the year was a new disciple policy, PIPS, was put into place and the board decided to move all of the K-3 students to Clarks for next year and place the 4-5 students in Polk. This change resulted in eliminating an elementary teacher. We are sorry to say that Bonnie Campbell loss her job here at High Plains.

Sandy Anderson at the retirement tea held for the teachers leaving.

Principal **Dale Buller** retired after spending 41 years in the education field.

Math teacher, **Michelle Downs** took a brief moment from checking homework papers to smile at the camera.

and Staff

Becky Carlstrom
Aide

Barbara Church
Secretary

Dale Church
Custodian

Eugene Cotter
Science

Harold
Cunningham
Guidance

Ilene Dearking
Family &
Consumer Science

Linda Dittmer
Cook

Michele Downs
Math

Janna Gustfason
Aide

Peggy Holtorf
Special Education

Cameron Hudson
Math/Geography

Holly Hudson
1st Grade

Marjorie Johnson
Cook

Sharon Johnson
Cook

LeAnn Karmann
Title 1

Keith Killion
Social Studies/Art

Linda Necker
Custodian

Keith Nielsen
Voc. Agriculture

James Pekarek
Science

Loretta Pollard
Aide

Kelly Potter
English

Sandra Quiring
Music

Laura Senff
Kindergarten

Elizabeth Sizer
2nd Grade

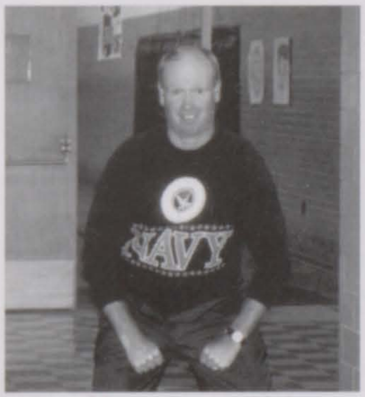
Diane Wiese
English/Reading/
Title I

Pat Wilson
Cook

Kelly Potter, the new English teacher trys to hide out of sight from the camera. But we got ya!

School Board members: (front row) **Kurt Kuhn, Jamey Beck, and Becky VanHousen**(back row) **Brian Samuelson, Dave Beck, Linda Yrkoski.**

Harry Cunningham smiles for the camera.


Steve Meyer shows us his best stance.

Karol Bankson-Recknor making sure **Dustin Carlson** gets to the right room for the period.

Linda Gilson gets caught in a picture, she is usually the one taking the pictures.

Jody Vrbka, the high school secretary answers yet another call.

Sports In HPC

Who's Who in Sports?

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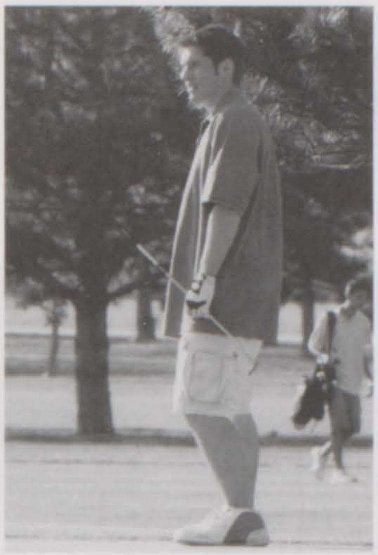


Top Five Favorites For The Year

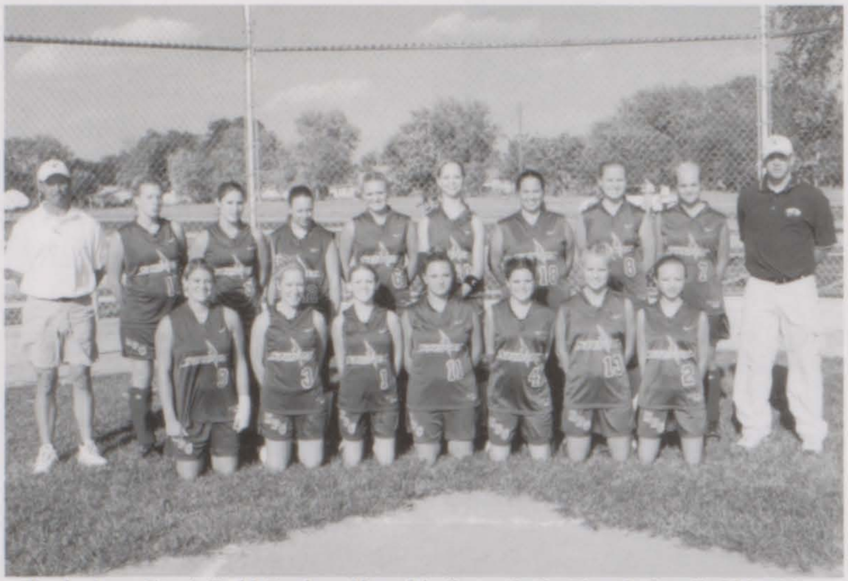
Sports
- 5. Track
- 4. Softball
- 3. Football
- 2. Volleyball
- 1. Basketball

Sports Team
- 5. 76ers
- 4. Packers
- 3. Huskers
- 2. Lakers
- 1. HPC Storm

Athlete
- 5. Brett Farve
- 4. Shaq
- 3. Michael Jordan
- 2. Lebron James
- 1. Iverson

Athletic Clothing
- 5. K-Swiss
- 4. And 1
- 3. Dada
- 2. Nike
- 1. Adidas

SOFTBALL



Back: Asst. Coach Todd Gardner, Hana Lindburg, Sadie Church, Jonella Yrkoski, Sara Sweet, Erin Hammond, Christina Rhodes, Holly Engel, Prudence Page, Head Coach Cameron Hudson. Front: Kristin Opfer, Krystal Ditloff, Candice Swedenburg, Kelli Stevens, Ashley Strobel, Samantha Dubas, Kayla Beck.

SCOREBOARD

HPC	School	OPP.
0	Fillmore Centrall	8
9	Thayer Central	0
9	Cross County	2
0	Wayne	10
6	Cross County	2
6	Boone Central	7 (8 innings)
0	David City	10
2	Fillmore Central	11
4	Boone Central	5
10	Thayer Central	1
3	Boone Central	6
6	Twin River	2
4	GINW	8
11	Twin River	0
17	Adams Central	0
2	Wahoo	4
0	David City	7
9	Twin River	3
12	Cross County	8
0	David City	10

Final Records:

Varsity 9-11 **J.V. 9-1**

Holly Engel, **Erin Hammond**, and **Kayla Beck** ready for the inning cheer.

The heart of the team, "The Infield"

Jonella Yrkoski showing us her running form.

Krystal Ditloff and **Ashley Strobel** recovering a throw down to second.

Post Season Honors:
Samantha Dubas- All- Nebraska Honorable Mention, All-State Honorable Mention, All-Academic.
Sadie Church- All Nebraska Honorable Mention, All-State Honorable Mention.

Kelli Stevens tagging a runner in a J.V. game

Time to say Goodbye to our Seniors

Senior **Sadie Church** doing the job behind the plate.

Senior **Sara Sweet** hurls one down to the plate.

Senior **Krystal Ditloff** ready at short stop.

Candice Swedenburg getting base running strategy from Coach Gardner.

Our Seniors giving their speeches at a pep rally.

The High Plains softball team opened up the season with a new coach and the loss of some key players, but still pulled it off.

“We had an exciting season. Our schedule included games against ranked teams and we played very well. We set a school record with 9 wins and proved to many people that we could be very competitive. We accomplished this through hard work each and every day”, stated Coach Hudson.

By using the Pyramid of Success, it pulled them to the top of leadership and success. The Storm pulled out the bats this year and set new records.

BELIEVE to Achieve

Kristin Opfer blowing smoke.

Christina Rhodes keeping an eye on the ball.

Holly Engel ripping one out there.

Erin Hammond throwing the ball in.

Ashley Strobel ready for a return at 2nd base.

Kayla Beck getting set for the pitch.

Samantha Dubas pitching right down the middle.

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HPC

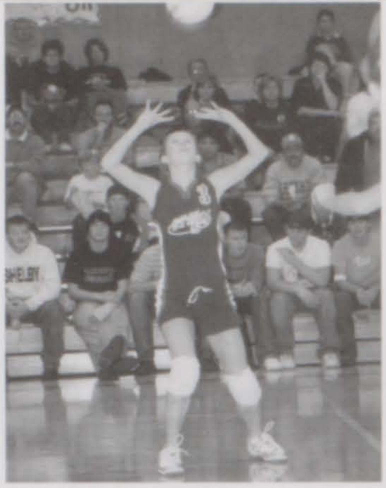
Team unity was a positive for this years Volleyball team. The girls were friends and got along on and off the court.

Goals set for the year were to improve in the serve and receive department and to improve mental toughness. Volleyball is such a mental game, but heading into districts coach Hudson stated that the team was "exactly where we need to be at the end of the year, and that's on top of our game."

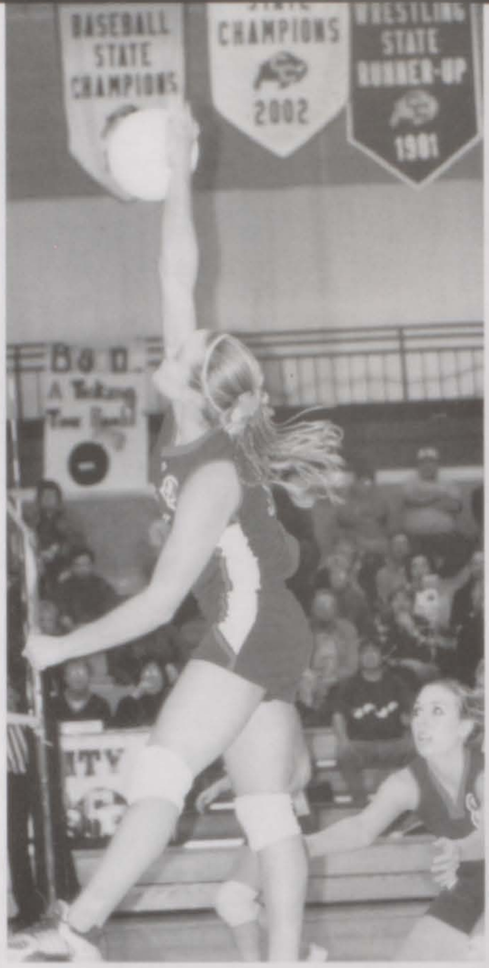
An ankle injury for Stephanie Gray late in the year was a blow but to team adjusted well with her out of the lineup.

Year end stats showed Lindsay Garrett leading in kills, with 138, and Stephanie Gray and Morgan Comer following with 99 and 87 respectively. Lindsay also lead in the ace services having 26 while Corinna Vrbka closely followed with 21. Morgan Comer lead the way with 67 solo blocks followed by Stephanie Gray and Meghan Hammond having 40 and 32 respectively.

The season ended with a 8-15 record for the varsity team and 6-2 for the junior varsity team.



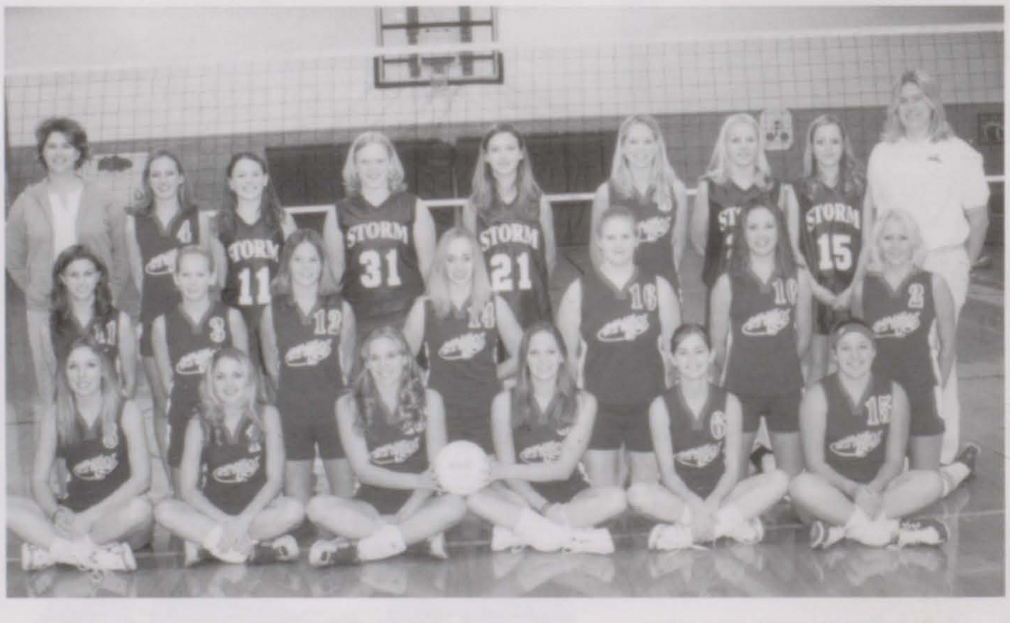
Lauran Redman setting the ball



Lindsey Garrett slams down the ball.

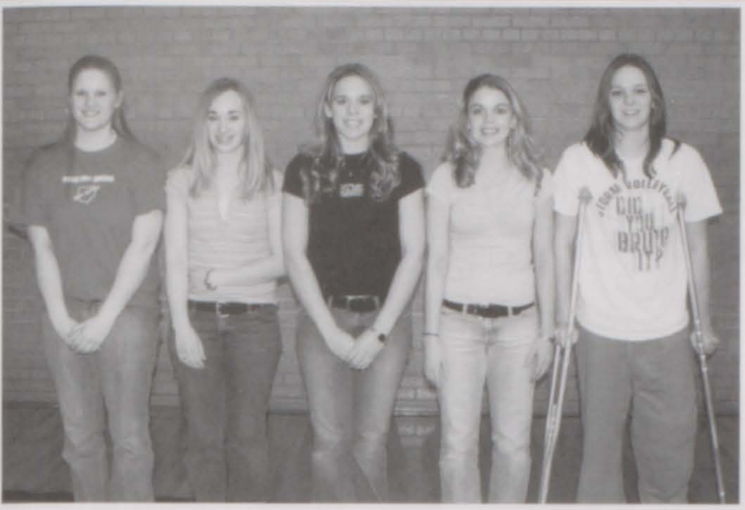
Morgan Comer goes up and spikes the ball.

Corinna Vrbka watches as she sets the ball.



Back row: Head Coach Holly Hudson, Kyle Shoup, Frankie Anderson, Emily Buhr, Megan Carson, Tara Tonniges, Heather Church, Skye Hejtmanek, Laura Senff Assistant Coach. Middle row: Heidi Hanquist, Lauran Redman, Kendra Stevens, Heather Steinke, Abby Necker, Meghan Hammond, Heather Klingsporn. Front row: Morgan Comer, Lindsay Johansen, Lindsey Garrett, Stphanie Gray, Sara Lott, Corinna Vrbka.

Volleyball



Post-season honors: **Abby Necker**-All Acedemic Team; **Heather Steince**-All Acedemic Team; **Lindsay Garrett**-All Acedemic Team, CRC Honerable Mention, CRC All Star Volleyball Game, All Heartland Honorable Mention, All State Honorable Mention; **Lindsey Johansen**-All Acedemic Team; **Stephanie Gray**-All Acedemic Team.

SCOREBOARD

HPC	School	OPP
1	Giltner	2
0	Heartland	2
2	NE Christian	1
1	Palmer	2
2	Cedar Rapids	1
0	Cross County	2
2	East Butler	0
1	Lindsay H. F.	2
2	St. Edward	0
0	Dorchester	2
1	McCool	2
2	Rising City	0
0	Meridian	2
0	Hampton	2
0	Shickley	2
0	Exeter/Milligan	2
0	Clay Center	2
2	Rising City	2
0	Exeter/Milligan	2
2	NE Lutheran	0
2	Osceola	1
2	Shelby	1
0	Osceola	2

Final Record 8-15

Stephanie Gray (left) and **Lindsey Johansen** (right) ready to receive the serve.

Heather Steinke determined to return the ball with **Meghan Hammond** to back her up.

Coach Holly Hudson and other team members reacts to the play.

Football

Dustin Meyer intent on what the coach is saying to him.

Levi Lindburg and **Dustin Meyer** set and ready for the snap.

Brett Kuhn keeps an eye out for the defenders.

Varsity players, **Austin Person**, **Anthony Shively**, **Brett Kuhn**, and **Brian Beck** celebrating on the sidelines when the JV players took their place.

Coach Vrbka and **Coach Thoms** having a little chat with the boys on the sidelines.

Fourth row: Head Coach Andy Vrbka, Student Manager Clete Vrbka, Asstistant Coach Chris Thoms. Third row: Logan Glasser, Isaac Samuelsen, Justin Blase, Todd Shultze, Thomas Thies, Trent Norquest. Second row: Chris Ziemba, Josh Gustafson, Brent Scherer, Travis Kuhn, Josh Hudson, Dustin Kufeldt, Drew Rodine. First row: Brett Kuhn, Dustin Meyer, Austin Person, Brian Beck, Levi Lindburg, Jesse Hammond, Anthony Shively.

Isaac Samuelson handed off to **Thomas Thies** while the line block

Austin Person gets the handoff from **Brent Kuhn**.

Anthony Shively tackles a Palmer player.

Josh Hudson drops back and looks down field for the pass.

Jesse Hammond takes a rest waitin for the next play while **Brain Beck** takes a look across the line.

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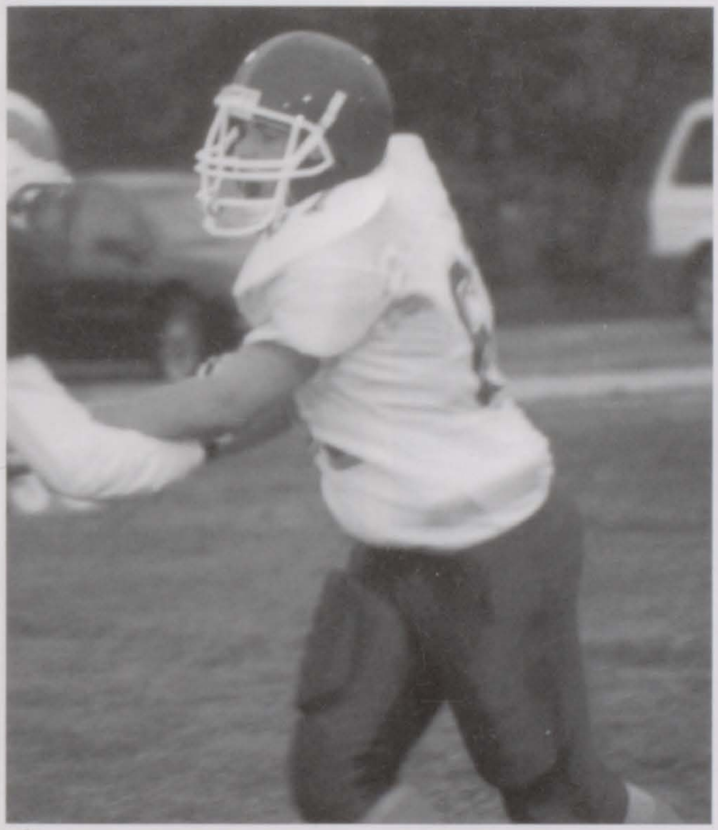
Post season honors were won by: **Levi Lindburg**-All-District 1st team Offensive End; **Brett Kuhn**-All-District 2nd team Running Back & Denfensie Back, All-District Honorable Mention Quarterback, All-Heartland Honorable Meniton Quarterback, Associated Press All-State Honorable Mention; **Austin Person**-All-District 2nd team Running Back & Defensive Back, All-Heartland 2nd team Defensive Safety; **Chris Ziemba**-All-District honorablre Mention Defensive Line; **Jesse Hammond**-All-District 2nd team Defensive Line.

The boys hold their helmets high after the game in celebration.



Dustin Kufeldt calls the play as he focuses on the block.

Josh Gustafson blocks a NE Christian player.

SCOREBOARD

HPC		OPP
20	Exeter-Milligan	32
24	NE Lutheran	16
0	NE Christian	46
20	Greeley/Wolbach	50
44	Palmer	22
12	Clarkson	22
50	Spalding/Sp.Acad	20
14	Shelby	34

Varsity Final Record: 2-6

JV Final Record: 3-2

Drew Rodine plows ahead with **Travis Kuhn** blocking to gain yardage.

Coach Vrbka summarized the football season stating "this bunch of guys played with a lot of heart and a lot of emotion and they worked hard from day one." The team ended the year with 3 wins and 5 losses, but coach says "you can't judge a team only by its final record. Of the five losses four were to state qualifiers.

Austin Person lead the team in yards gained, 656, and tackles, 38 solo and 98 assists. Brett Kuhn had 547 yards. Levi Lindburg hauled down 29 passes for 388 yards. Brian Beck, Jesse Hammond and Anthony Shively were also great team players. As a team, the Storm had 2,001 yards of total offense and averaged 23 points a game while allowing 28.

Boys Basketball

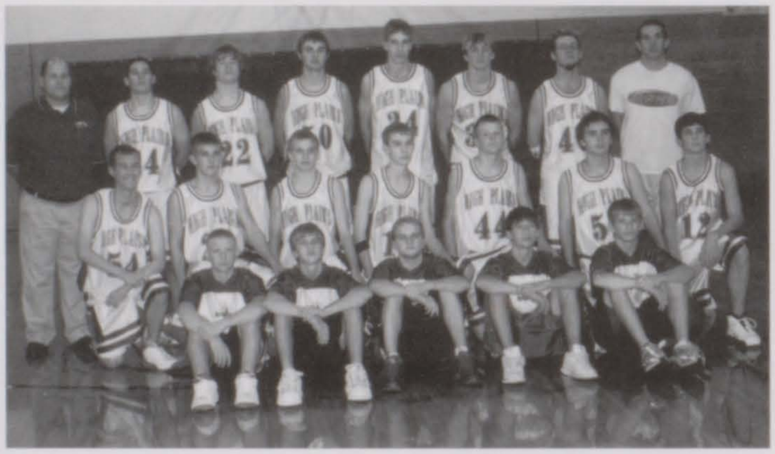
The High Plains Boys Basketball team played a very exciting style of basketball during the season. Every member of the team was committed to improving their game and doing the little things that it takes to win games. A very tough schedule provided for a stiff challenge every game. This team did not back down from anyone and played their best basketball at the end of the season. Coach Hudson stated that he enjoyed watching this group grow as both players and people and felt that they gave everything that could be asked of them.

The team huddles together for a small pep talk from Coach Hudson.

Post Season Honors. **Levi Lindburg** received CRC 1st team, All-Heartland Honorable Mention, All-State Honorable Mention, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention, and All-Area 1st team. **Austin Person** received CRC Honorable Mention, All-Area Honorable Mention, and played in the CRC/Goldenrod All-Star Game. **Brent Zoucha** received CRC Honorable Mention, and All-Area Honorable Mention.

Vinny Bittinger ready to make his pass.

Gary Brockevelt looks down the court to set up a play.



The High Plains Communtiy Boys Basketball team. Front row: Trent Norquest, Todd Schulze, Justin Blase, Isaac Samuleson, Logan Glasser. Middle row: Brandon Bankson, Drew Rodine, Nate Anderson, Vinny Bittinger, Chris Ziemba, Brent Scherer, Josh Hudson. Back row: Asst. Coach Chris Thoms, Gary Brockevelt, Austin Person, Jesse Hammond, Brent Zoucha, Levi Lindburg, Shane Taylor, Head Coach Cameron Hudson.

Drew Rodine looks for a chance to steal the ball from this opponent.

Score Board

12-5	High Plains	57
	Meridian	67
12-6	High Plains	50
	Osceola	38
12-11	High Plains	45
	Palmer	36
12-12	High Plains	55
	Hampton	66
12-16	High Plains	45
	NE Christian	80
12-19	High Plains	53
	Rising City	51
1-2	High Plains	65
	Elgin Pope John	50
1-3	High Plains	37
	Rising City	67
1-6	High Plains	42
	Twin River	55
1-8	High Plains	52
	Dorchester	48
1-16	High Plains	45
	McCool	53
1-17	High Plains	33
	Shelby	66
1-23	High Plains	42
	Exeter-Milligan	63
1-28	High Plains	55
	Giltner	64
2-12	High Plains	55
	Cross County	41
2-13	High Plains	72
	Shickley	65
2-19	High Plains	58
	Clay Center	57
2-20	High Plains	76
	Giltner	63
2-23	High Plains	53
	Osceola	40
2-24	High Plains	45
	Greeley/Wolback	65

Final Record: 10-10

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Storm Slam Down!

Show us how to slam it down **Brent Zoucha**.

Josh Hudson slowly debates which way to go.

Nate Anderson watching to see if the ball is going into the basket.

Jesse Hammond playing aggressive defense.

Justin Blase getting set on defense.

Levi Lindburg practices his arm movement for a shot.

Isaac Samuelson coming down the court.

Coach Hudson and the bench reacting towhat is happening on the court.

Austin Person goes up for a reverse layup.

Left: **Todd Schulze** puts up a free throw.

Far Left: **Justin Blase**, **Chris Ziemba**, and **Todd Schulze** ready for defense.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Kendra Stevens searching her options.

Holly Engel passing the ball.

Heather Klingsporn shooting for two.

SCOREBOARD

12-5	HP	14
	Meridian	50
12-6	HP	30
	Osceola	44
12-11	HP	30
	Palmer	54
12-12	HP	25
	Hampton	36
12-13	HP	38
	NE Christian	47
12-19	HP	30
	Rising City	52
1-2	HP	32
	Elgin Pope John	49
1-3	HP	41
	Cedar Rapids	29
1-6	HP	34
	Twin River	46
1-8	HP	31
	Dorchester	54
1-16	HP	28
	McCool	48
1-17	HP	41
	Shelby	49
1-20	HP	30
	Giltner	59
1-23	HP	26
	Exeter-Milligan	65
1-24	HP	33
	Dorchester	65
2-12	HP	17
	Cross County	59
2-13	HP	22
	Shickley	57
2-16	HP	22
	Spalding/Sp.Ac.	48

FINAL RECORD: 1-17

Frankie Anderson thinking "why did I commit that foul?"

Erin Hammond struggling for the ball.

Corinna Vrbka ready for the pass.

Lauren Redman and **Meghan Hammond** getting in position.

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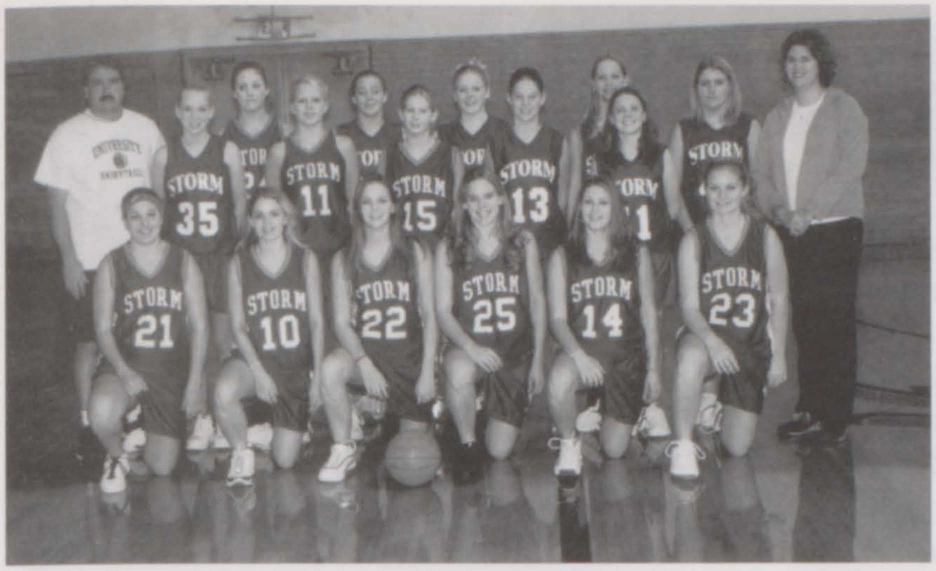


Front row: Corinna Vrbka, Lindsey Johansen, Stephanie Gray, Lindsay Garrett, Sadie Church, Holly Engel. Back row: Head Coach Andy Vrbka, Tara Tonniges, Meghan Hammond, Heather Klingsporn, Hana Lindburg, Lauren Redman, Emily Buhr, Kendra Stevens, Erin Hammond, Frankie Anderson, Mallory McKinnis, Asst. Coach Holly Hudson.

"Even though we did not win a lot of games, I believe the girls learned a valuable lesson in teamwork," Coach Vrbka said. The team was made up of 14 members. Four seniors, two juniors, four sophomores, and four freshmen. The team had a rough year winning only one game. That win was one of the highlights of the year. It was rewarded with a trophy for 3rd place in the Holiday Tournament.

The girls worked hard all year and continued to get better each week. They gained a lot of experience and teamwork. "Throughout the year, there were a lot of different girls out on the floor at any given time, so the girls had to learn to work together," Coach Vrbka stated. Lindsay Garrett led the team in three categories by scoring 122 points, 135 rebounds, and 36 free throws were made throughout the season. Sadie Church was the team's second leading scorer with 85 points, and also second in free throws with 35. Heather Klingsporn and Stephanie Gray were 3rd and 4th in rebounding with 83 and 82 respectively.

"I thought the Storm gave a great effort every night," Vrbka said about the year's team. I think all the players deserve credit for playing hard all season and not giving up," Coach Vrbka also stated. The Varsity ended with a 1-17 record and the Jr. Varsity had a 4-3 record at the end of the basketball season.

Post Season Honors for **Lindsay Garrett**. CRC Honorable Mention, CRC/Goldenrod All-Star Game, All-Heartland Honorable Mention, All-Area First Team.

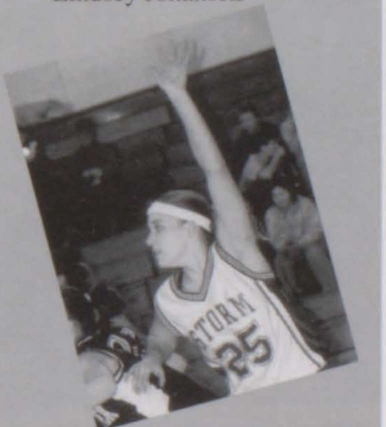
A group of girls waiting for the rebound.

GO SENIORS!

Stephanie Gray

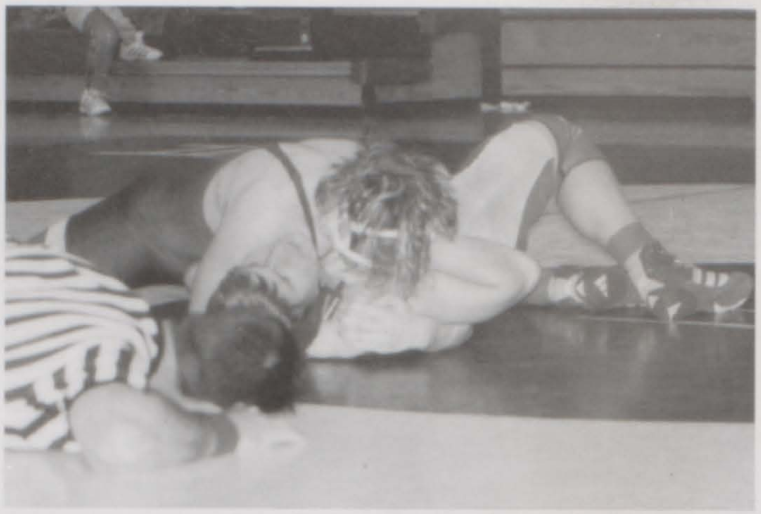
Sadie Church

Lindsey Johansen



Lindsay Garrett

Wrestling



Brian Beck pins this opponent.
He placed 2nd at districts to qualify for the state tournament.

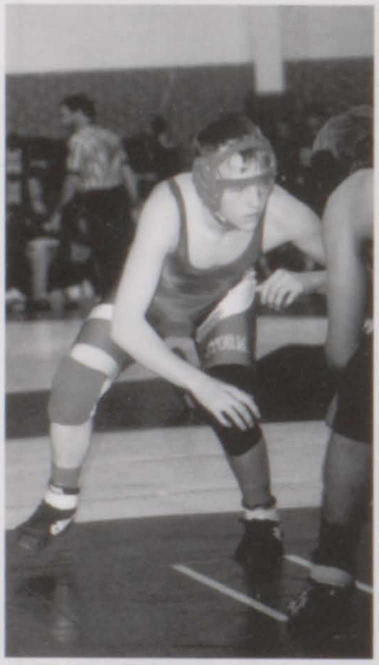
The Wrestling team capped off a successful season by sending three individuals to the state tournament. Brian Beck, Brett Kuhn, and Travis Kuhn all won this opportunity by placing at the district contest.

Brett led the team in wins, with 26, decisions, with 9, 15 pins, 61 take downs, and 31 escapes. Travis Kuhn ended the year with 25 wins, 24 take downs, and 15 pins. Brian Beck ended with 6 decisions, 14 pins and 36 take downs. Nic Beck had 4 decisions, 10 pins, 25 take downs for the season. Chris Fowler had 11 reversals, and 14 escapes for the year. The highlight of the year for Chris was placing 3rd at the Mullen Invite. Anthony Shively ended with 8 pins, 19 take downs and led the team in reversals with 22. Thomas Thies had 13 escapes for the year.

As a team the Storm finished with 75 pins, 220 take downs, 75 reversals and 104 escapes. Their team record was 122 wins and 101 losses.

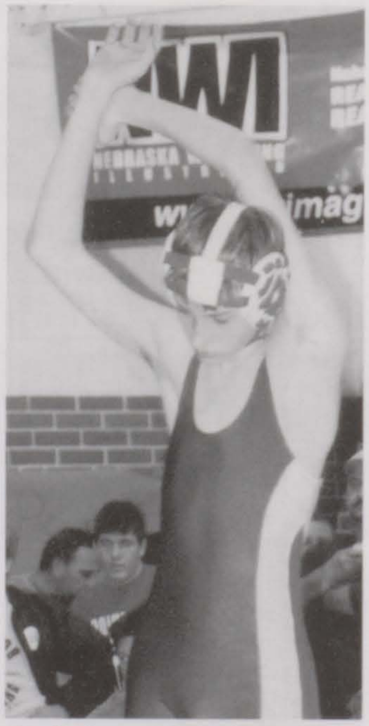
Travis Kuhn wrestling at 125 lb. He qualified for the state tournament after placing 3rd at districts. He wrestled into the 3rd round at state.

Coaches **Norm Manstedt** and **Scott Strobel** react to the Strom victory.



Thomas Thies awaiting the shot for the take down.

Brett Kuhn working his opponent to the mat. He qualified for the state tournament by placing 2nd at the district meet.



Nic Beck stretches getting ready for his match.

Go Storm

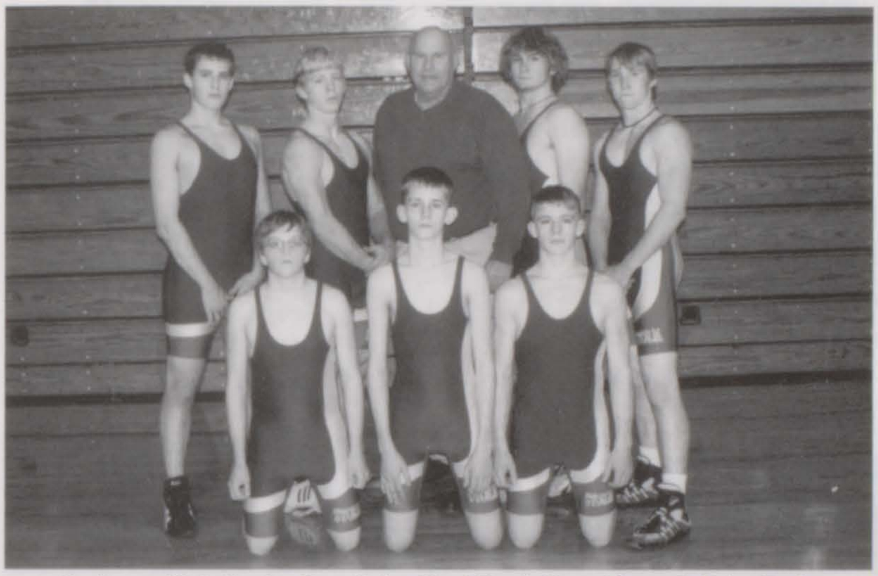
Anthony Shively working on his oppenent to win this match at 135 lbs.

Scoreboard

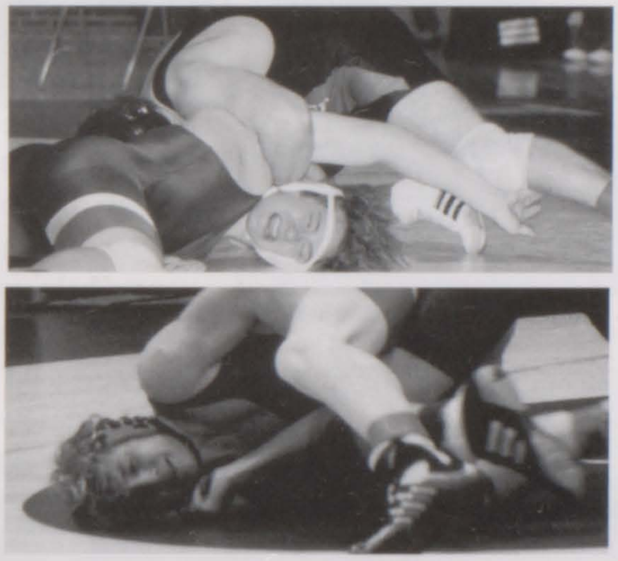
Omaha North Invite	**12th**
High Plains Quad.	**1st**
NE Dual Championship	**4th**
High Plains Triangular	**1st**
Wahoo Invite	**8th**
Cross County Invite	**6th**
NE Christian Dual	**1st**
Mullen Invite	**6th**
Valley Invite	**8th**
Districts	**9th**

State Qualifiers

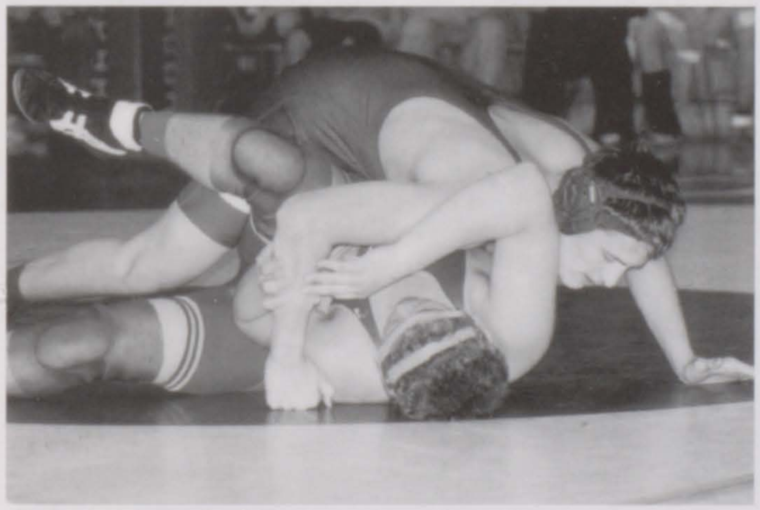
Brian Beck	**189 lbs.**
Brett Kuhn	**152 lbs.**
Travis Kuhn	**119 lbs.**



Back row: Chris Fowler, Brett Kuhn, Head Coach Norm Manstedt, Brian Beck, Anthony Shively. Front row: Thomas Thies, Nic Beck, Travis Kuhn. Not pictured: Asst. Coach Scott Strobel.



Brian Beck (above) and **Anthony Shively** (below) show the frustration and pain wrestler endure.



Chris Fowler getting a pin at 170 lbs.

Coach Manstedt, Coach Strobel and Mr Walford watch in frustation.

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Girl's Track

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Ashley Strobel running the 100 meter hurdles.

Tara Tonniges and coaches talking to **Lauren Redman** after her run.

Frankie Anderson having no trouble running the mile.

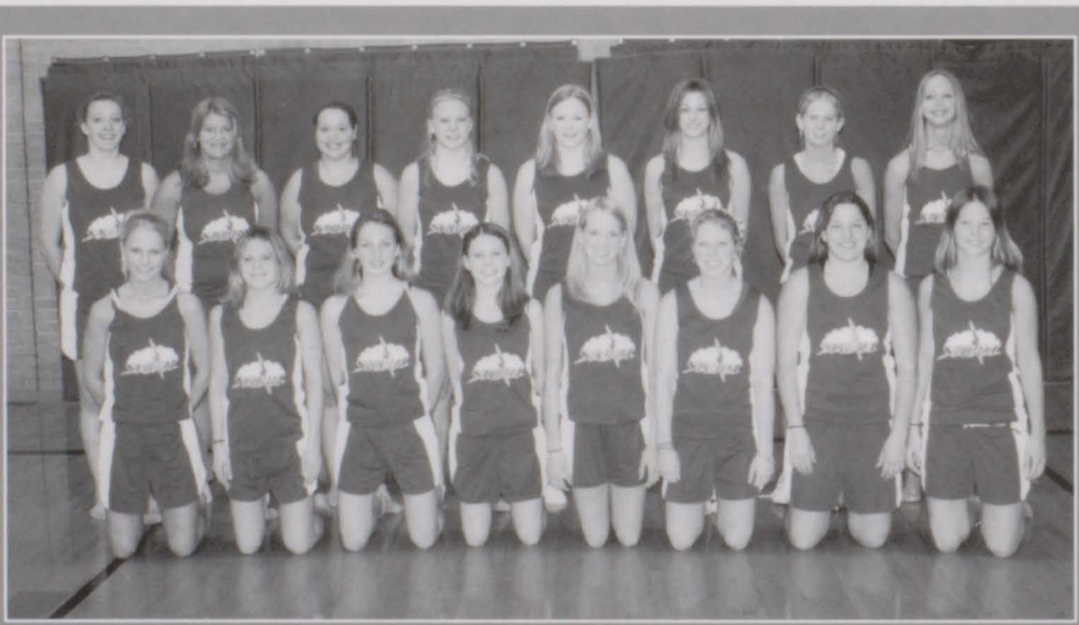
Hana Lindburg running the 200.

Kendra Stevens running an 800 for the relay team.

Tara Tonniges running her leg of the 4x800 relay.

Heather Church running the 100.

Lauren Redman running the 2 mile.



Back row: Hana Lindburg, Kristin Opfer, Christina Rhodes, Heather Church, Emily Buhr, Heidi Hanquist, Lauren Redman, Erin Hammond. Front row: Samantha Dubas, Ashley Strobel, Kylie Shoup, Frankie Anderson, Tara Tonniges, Krystal Ditloff, Corinna Vrbka, and Kendra Stevens.

Corinna Vrbka prepares to give the discus a little toss.

Krystal Ditloff running a new record time in the 100 and 200 meter dashs. She placed 6th in the 100 at the state meet.

Kristin Opfer getting ready to launch the discus.

SCOREBOARD

Merrick County	**No Team Score**
Cedar Rapids	**1st**
North Loup Scotia	**1st**
High Plains	**1st**
Palmer	**1st**
CRC	**2nd**
St. Edward	**1st**
Districts	**3rd**

This years' track team did exceptionally well for having 16 girls. The lone senior,Krystal Ditloff set two new school records in the 100 and 200 meter dash and also qualified for state in these two events. In the 100 she had a time of 12.5 and had a time of 26.8 in the 200. The 3200 meter relay team consisting of Tara Tonniges, Frankie Anderson, Erin Hammond and Lauren Redman set a new record with the time of 10.36 and qualifed for the state meet. The 400 meter relay also set a new record with the time of 52.2 and also qualified for state. That relay consisted of Ashley Strobel, Heather Church, Samantha Dubas and Krystal Ditloff. Samantha Dubas also qualified for state in the 300 meter hurdles. Kristin Opfer qualified for state in the discus.

The track team was very fortunate to gain Coach Pekarek for the throwers and high jumpers. Coach Meyer, Coach Walford, and Coach Pekarek were well pleased with the outcome of this year results.

Samantha Dubas running her 300 meter hurdles.

Heidi Hanquist, **Frankie Anderson**, and **Tara Tonniges** warming up on this cold track day before they have to run.

Emily Buhr throwing the shot.

Samantha Dubas landing in the sand for the long jump.

Erin Hammond leaping through the air in the triple jump.

Left: Krystal Ditloff and **Heather Church** practicing their hand off for a relay.

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Boys Track

Few but mighty. The twelve boys out for track this year came up with great results. New school records were set in the High Jump, 110 Hurdles, and the 300 Hurdles. Brett Zoucha broke his brother's high jump record with a season high of 6'5". Levi Lindburg put his name in the history book with a 15.8 time in the 110 hurdles and 40.9 time in the 300 hurdles. Both made it to state in those 3 events and Levi added the Long Jump to his state meet competition. The boys also qualified their 4x1 relay team of Levi, Brent, Brett Kuhn and Drew Rodine by placing 1st at the district meet with a time of 45.4. They finished 2nd at state with a 44.85 time. The other members on the team contributed to the great finishes they had at their meets during the season.

Coaches Steve Meyer, Jim Pekarek, and Don Walford were pleased with the year.

Back: Dustin Kufeldt, Chris Ziemba, Levi Lindburg, Brent Zoucha, John Lindgren.
Front: Travis Kuhn, Justin Blase, Josh Hudson, Brett Kuhn, Drew Rodine, Logan Glasser. (not pictured: Ryan Rathjen)

Logan Glasser and **Drew Rodine** getting set for the 100 meter dash.

Brent Zoucha goes over the bar at the CRC meet. His best for the year was 6'5" to set a new school record. He qualified for the state meet in Omaha by placing 1st at districts and then tied for 3rd place at state jumping 6' 2".

Brent Zoucha, **Drew Rodine**, and **Brett Kuhn** running in the 100 meter dash at the first track meet of the year in Central City.

Above: **Logan Glasser** stretching for his jump.
Left: **Travis Kuhn** running in the 1600 meter run.

Levi Lindburg heading for the finish line in the hurdles.
He qualified for the state meet in both the 110 and 300 hurdles.
He set new school records; 40.9 in the 300 hurdles and 15.8 in the 110 hurdles.
Levi also qualified for state in the Long Jump and placed 2nd
with a jump of 21'10".

Travis Kuhn on his mark with **Todd Schulze** helping out holding his blocks.

Brent Zoucha hits the handoff from **Drew Rodine** in the 4x1 relay. The team of Brent, Drew, Brett Kuhn, and Levi Lindburg qualified for the state meet by placing 1st at Districts. At the state meet they place 2nd with a time of 44.85.

Ryan Rathjen throws the shot put.

Dustin Kufeldt heaves the shot put.

Scoreboard

Merrick County	No Team Score
Cedar Rapids	5th
North Loup Scotia	6th
High Plains	5th
Palmer	4th
CRC	2nd
St. Edward	4th
Districts	4th
State	7th

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Josh Hudson battling for the win in the 110 meter hurdles.

Brett Kuhn jumping into the pit for the triple jump.

Justin Blase running the mile.

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Golf

The golf team saw great improvement this year. They won more matches than they have since the program began 3 years ago. Coach Keith Killion was very please with the season.

For the first time in history High Plains had a state qualifier in golf. Vinny Bittinger qualified with a round of 88, just making the cut off. At the state meet Vinny shot a 180 for the two day event.

The golf team has also increased in numbers. Each year more students decide to try this sport in the competitive field. It's a tough sport because a team only consist of 5 golfers for the meets. Most meets also have a JV division, so ten students get to compete at the meets.

Vinny Bittinger ready for his drive. Vinny qualified for the State Meet which was held in Lincoln the end of May.

SCOREBOARD

High Plains Tri	**1st**
High Plains Quad	**1st**
York J. V.	**1st**
Heartland Lutheran	**1st**
York J.V.	**2nd**
Central City	**2nd**
Osceola Invite	**9th**

Nathan Anderson check the hole placement for his chip to the green.

Dustin Meyer looking to the green for his next shot.

Brian Beck, in his cool shades, ready for his chip.

Austin Person waits under this tree while the others in his foursome take their turns.

Jesse Hammand and **Isaac Samuelson** make their up the fairway.

Nic Beck takes a look as to where is tee shot goes.

Gary Brockevelt lining up his putt.

Back row: Jesse Hammond, Dustin Meyer, Nathan Anderson, Josh Hohnholt, Vinny Bittinger, Gary Brockevelt, Garrison Swanson. Front row: Nic Beck, Isaac Samuelson, Kayla Beck. Haley Stromberg. Not pictured: Coach Keith Killion.

Garrison Swanson taking his practice swing before his putt.

Haley Stromberg ready for her drive.

Kayla Beck setting up the tie and ball for her tee off shot.

Nathan Anderson watches to see where his chip shot lands.

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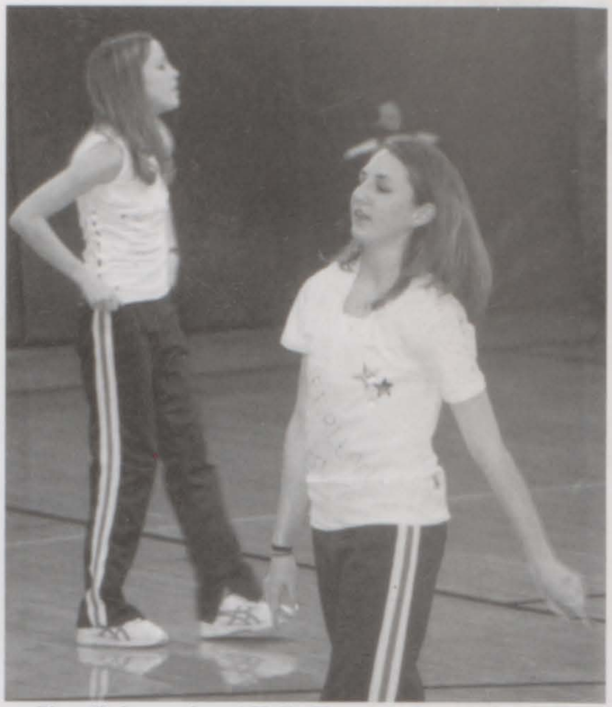
Above: Three of the freshmen cheerleaders, **Heather Church**, **Tara Tonniges**, and **Kylie Shoup**, aren't sure that the cheer goes this way.
Left: **Stephanie Gray** peeps out from behind the tarp while decorating for the homecoming dance.



Skye Hejtmanek and **Kylie Shoup** perform their dance routine at half-time of a basketball game.

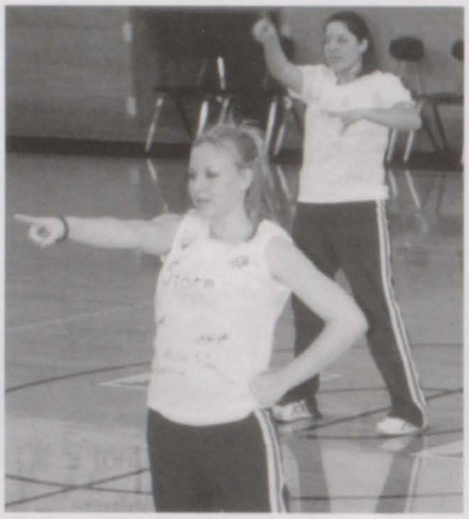
School spirit is something that is a big deal these days. Our High Plains Community high school cheerleaders have made it a point to show us that. Their hard work and persistence to shout out a cheer to the crowd is great.

This year's accomplishments included locker tags, pep rallies, candle sales for a fund-raiser, pregame snacks, and they participated in over 48 events!

They performed a dance routine during basketball and worked on their cheers weekly during the sports seasons.

The sponsors were Jodie Vrbka and Jeri Gray. They have a lot to organize during the year.

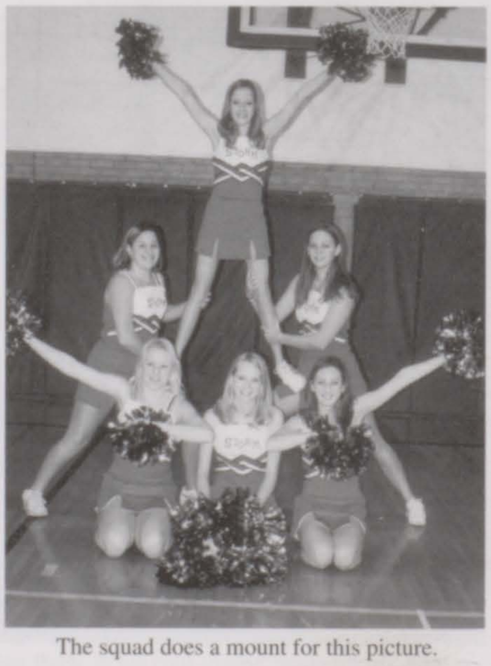
GREAT JOB LADIES!!



Heather Church and **Corinna Vrbka** points to the crowd at a point in their dance routine.

Skye Hejtmanek looks down the way to make sure she is doing this cheer the correct way.

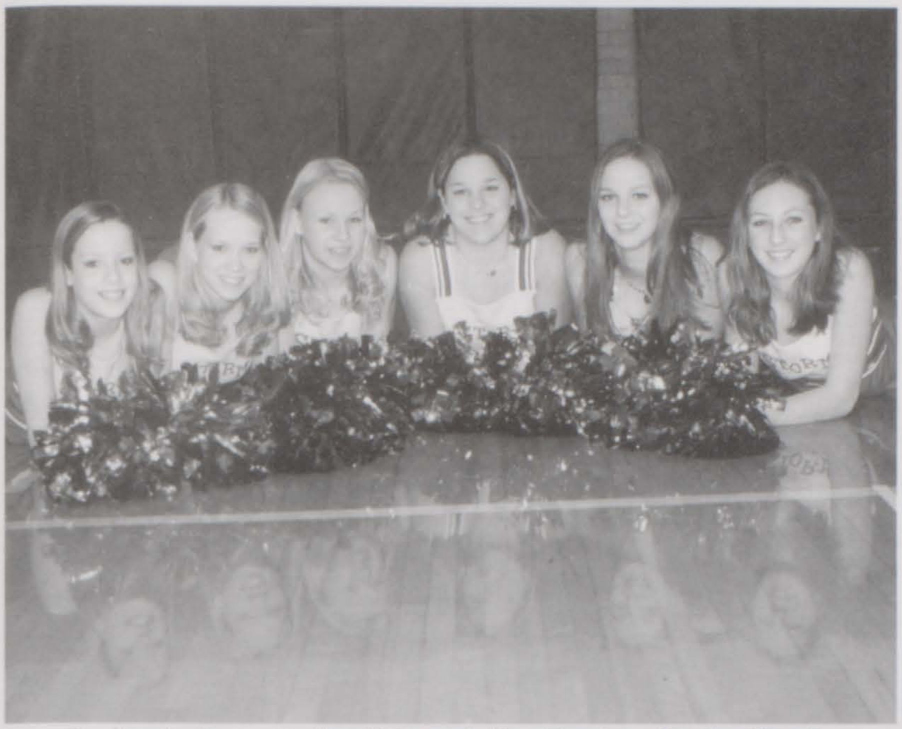
Stephanie Gray, the captain, gives instructions for games during spirit week to the student body.



The squad does a mount for this picture.

Kylie Shoup, **Heather Church**, and **Skye Hejtmanek** cheering for a wrestling meet.

Corinna Vrbka imitating the opposing cheerleaders during a pep rally.



The cheerleading squad: **Skye Hejtmanek**, **Tara Tonniges**, **Heather Church**, **Corinna Vrbka**, **Stephanie Gray**, **Kylie Shoup**.

CHEERLEADER

"Go Storm"! says **Tara Tonniges**.

The girls cheering at the High Plains wrestling tourney.

Heather Church cheers at a pep rally.

Corinna Vrbka decorating for the homecoming dance.

Kylie Shoup cheers to the crowd.

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human interest

→ During the summer of 2003, low-risk prison inmates help battle Southern California's wildfires for only $1 an hour.

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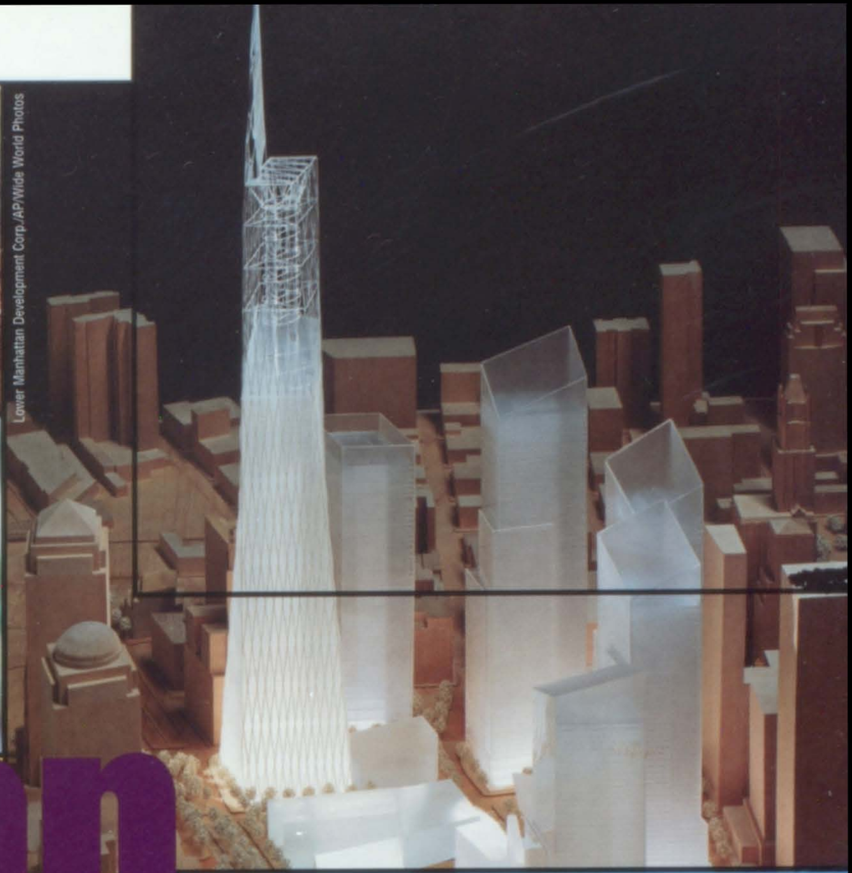
→ At a St. Louis dog shelter, Cain, a one-year-old mutt, survives tranquilization and a trip to the gas chamber and is then adopted by the animal shelter owner.

Bill Greenblatt/UPI/Landov


Lower Manhattan Development Corp./AP/Wide World Photos

The world's tallest structure — a 1,776-foot spire — anchors a memorial entitled "Reflecting Absence," which is chosen to fill the World Trade Center site.

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← Comedian Robin Williams travels to Baghdad to lighten the spirits of U.S. troops as he kicks off a holiday tour of U.S. bases in the Middle East.

Richard Carson/Reuters/Landov

← While aboard the International Space Station, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko marries his American girlfriend by video link in the first "space wedding."

Rap mogul P. Diddy runs the New York City Marathon to raise over $2 million for the city's children's charities and public schools.

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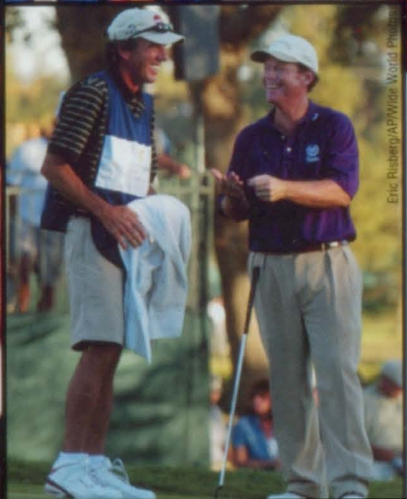
↑ Iranian lawyer Shirin Ebadi wins the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize for human rights activism as she fights to improve the status of refugees, women and children in Iran.


Eric Risberg/AP/Wide World Photos

← Golfer Tom Watson donates his $1 million Charles Schwab Cup winnings to fund research for Lou Gehrig's disease, which has stricken his caddie, Bruce Edwards.

SCIENCE

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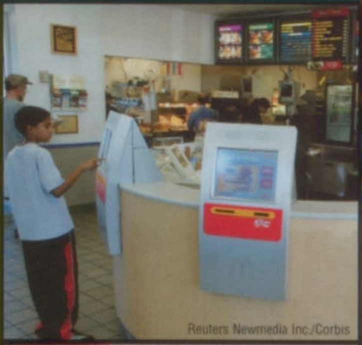
In January 2004, the Mars exploration rover Spirit lands safely and NASA releases the first 3-D images and the sharpest color photos ever taken of the surface of Mars.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→ Fast-food patrons can now get their food even quicker, thanks to McDonald's introduction of self-service ordering kiosks.

Chitose Suzuki/AP/Wide World Photos

→ FluMist, America's first intranasal influenza vaccine, provides needle-wary patients with an alternative for the 2003 flu season.

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Steven Senne/AP/Wide World Photos

→ The Food and Drug Administration bans dietary supplements containing ephedra due to health concerns and warns consumers not to take products containing the stimulant.

Ed Betz/AP/Wide World Photos

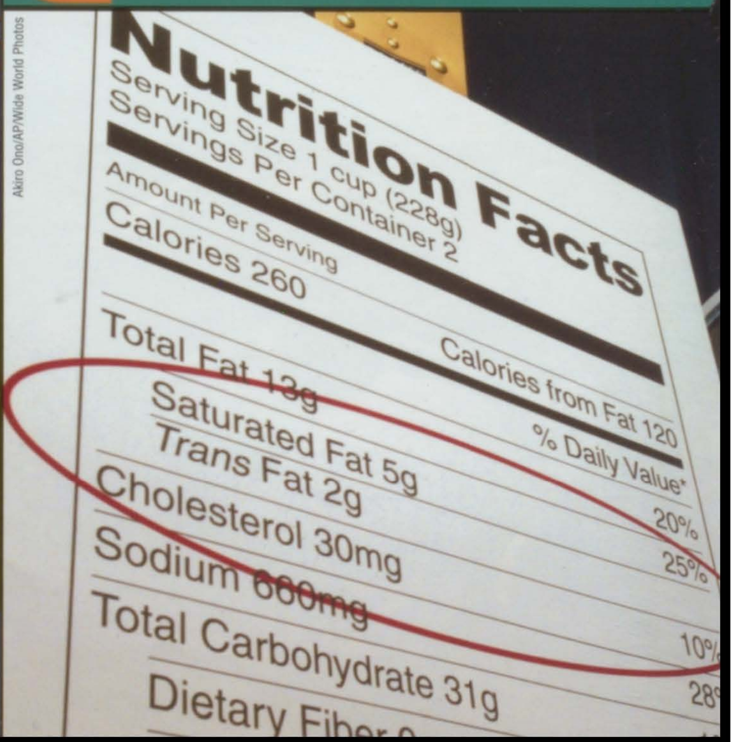
← British Airways and Air France ground the supersonic Concordes after 27 years of service. Despite their speed, the aircraft were uneconomical to operate.

← In response to e-mail spam, the Can-Spam Act requires e-mail marketers to clearly label messages as ads and include an Internet-based opt-out feature.

Wang Jianmin/Xinhua/Corbis

← In October, China becomes the third country to travel in space when the world's first successful taikonaut, Yang Liwei, returns to Earth after 21 hours in orbit.

The Food and Drug Administration mandates that nutrition labels disclose the amount of cholesterol-increasing trans-fatty acids.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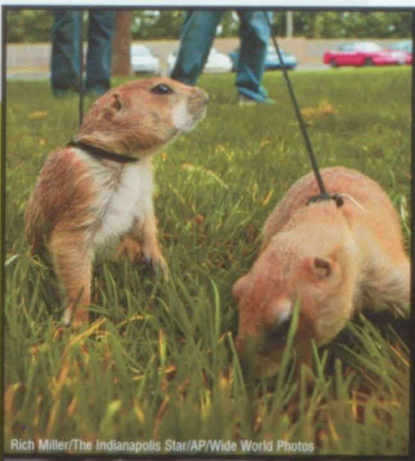
nature

→ In June, pet prairie dogs in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana infect people with monkeypox after being infected by a giant Gambian rat while in transit.



Rich Miller/The Indianapolis Star/AP/Wide World Photos

→ Federal workers in Washington kill a herd of 449 calves that include the offspring of a Holstein infected with mad cow disease.

Kevin P. Casey/EPA/Landov

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Hurricane Isabel knocks out power to more than 3.5 million people as it wreaks havoc on the nation's eastern seaboard.

Barbara Strnadova/Photo Researchers

← North American trees are threatened by Asian longhorned beetles, which allegedly arrived in Chinese wooden packing material.

The strongest solar storms to hit the Earth in 11 years cause northern lights to appear as far south as Texas.

Hinrich B. Semann/DPA/Landov

AP/Wide World Photos

← In August, Mars' orbit brings it closer to Earth than it has been in 60,000 years.

CONTAINS NO CFCs WHICH DEPLETE THE OZONE LAYER

NO CFCs

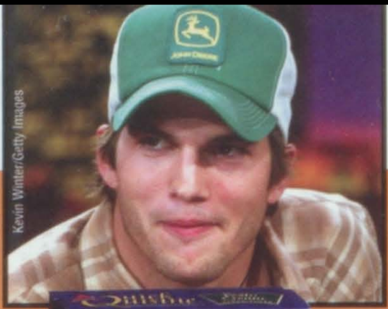
↑ American scientists discover the deterioration of the atmosphere's ozone layer is slowing. The 1996 worldwide ban on CFC gases is credited for the improvement.

John McConnico/AP/Wide World Photos

← Keiko, star of the *Free Willy* movies, dies of pneumonia at the age of 27.

TRENDS

The "Laverne and Shirley" look becomes fashionable again in the retro monogram clothing and accessory trend.



Kevin Winter/Getty Images

← Celebrities like FOX's "That '70s Show" star Ashton Kutcher make the "trucker hat" a fashion must-have.

ATKINS
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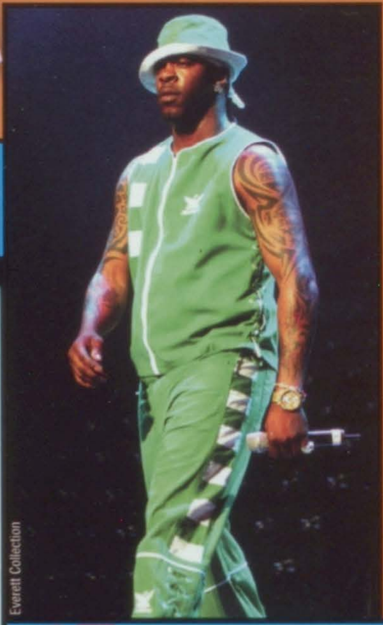
LOW CARB

← The country goes low-carb diet crazy, with dieters demanding food products and menu items with fewer carbohydrates.



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← Popularized by music stars like Busta Rhymes and J.Lo, track suits are seen everywhere.

trends

Babatunde Martins

→ Girls get into breakdancing at events like the Qween B Breakgirl competition in San Diego, the country's biggest female breakin' competition.

↓ With the resurgence of '80s-style rock music, '80s clothing styles make a comeback of their own.

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↑ The year's hottest foot fashion is the Australian-made Ugg boot, which stays cool in heat and warm in cold.

American teenagers take up knitting and form knitting clubs at many schools across the country.

Jutta Klee/Corbis

Mary Ann Chastain/AP/Wide World Photos

↑ The College Entrance Examination Board develops a revision of the SAT that tests for increased vocabulary and writing skills.

↑ The pint-sized MINI Cooper, by Motorwerks, starts a European auto revolution on U.S. streets.

Drivers find a spacious but expensive ride in the General Motors Hummer H2. In response to criticism, GM promises to release a more fuel-efficient version in the future.

Ron Edmonds/AP/Wide World Photos

lifestyle

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← To improve lunch and vending machine nutritional values, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issues tougher regulations for American schools.

Affordable, over-the-counter teeth whitening kits have consumers smiling, as they no longer have to visit the dentist for this cosmetic procedure.

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← Avon, the world's largest direct seller of beauty products, introduces mark — a new cosmetic line intended for teens to sell.

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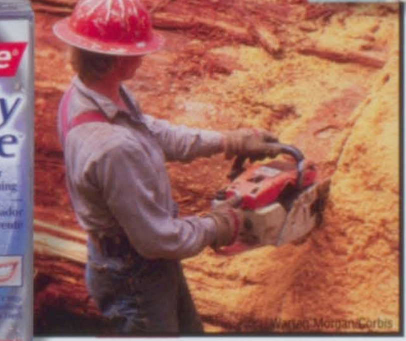
↑ In an effort to thwart counterfeiters, the U.S. Treasury releases a colorful new $20 bill, with a background blend of blue, peach and green.



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← A new study reveals the Top 10 most dangerous U.S. occupations. Lumberjack tops the list.

MOVIES

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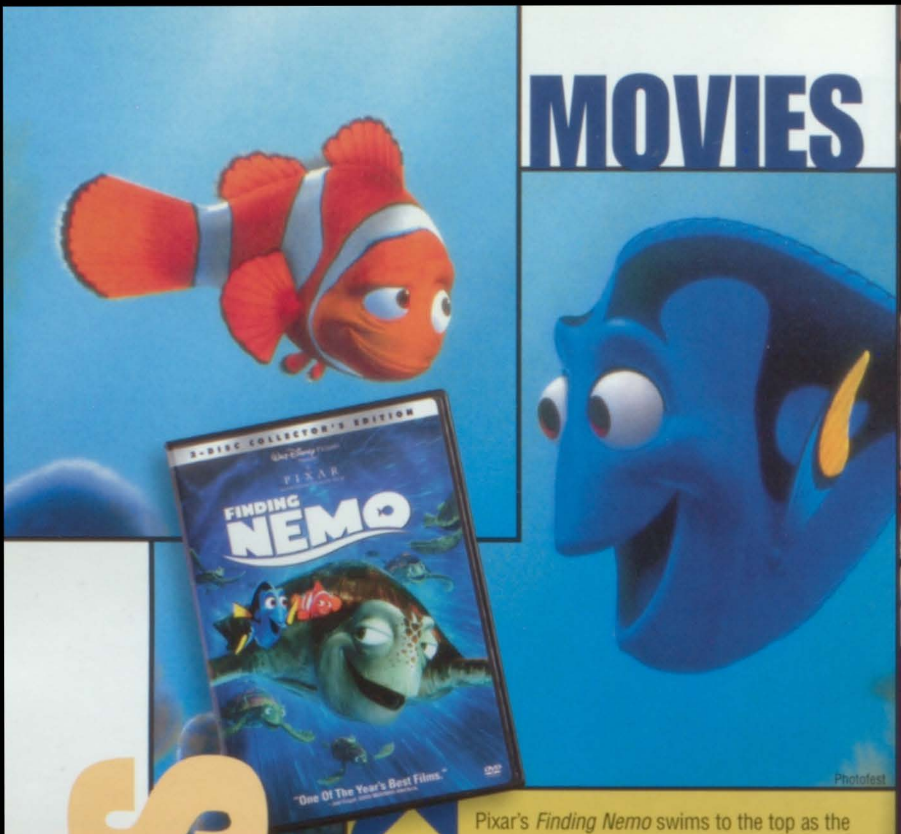
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FINDING NEMO
"One Of The Year's Best Films."

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Pixar's *Finding Nemo* swims to the top as the highest-grossing animated movie and top-selling DVD of all time in the United States.

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→ Keira Knightley and Parminder Nagra get a kick out of breaking stereotypes on and off the soccer field in the British comedy *Bend It Like Beckham.*

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→ The two most anticipated sequels of the year, *Matrix: Reloaded* and *Matrix: Revolutions* turn out to be major disappointments for fans and critics alike.

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→ Tobey Maguire rides high in the successful summer flick *Seabiscuit*, nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture.

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← Bill Murray gives a career performance in *Lost in Translation*, from director and Golden Globe-winning screenwriter Sofia Coppola.

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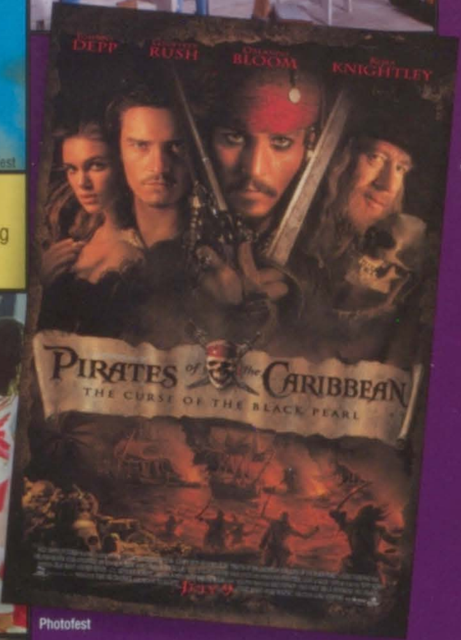
← Will Ferrell continues his comedic success in the heartwarming holiday hit *Elf*.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← Heartthrobs Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom make Disney's *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* a swashbuckling success.

Frodo and company complete their epic journey in *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, winner of the Golden Globe for Best Picture, Drama.

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→ The pulse-pounding CBS hit "The Amazing Race" wins the inaugural Emmy Award for Best Reality Program.

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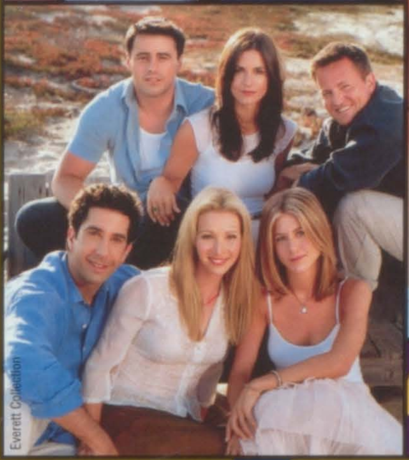
→ America bids farewell to the cast of "Friends" after the NBC sitcom's 10th and final season.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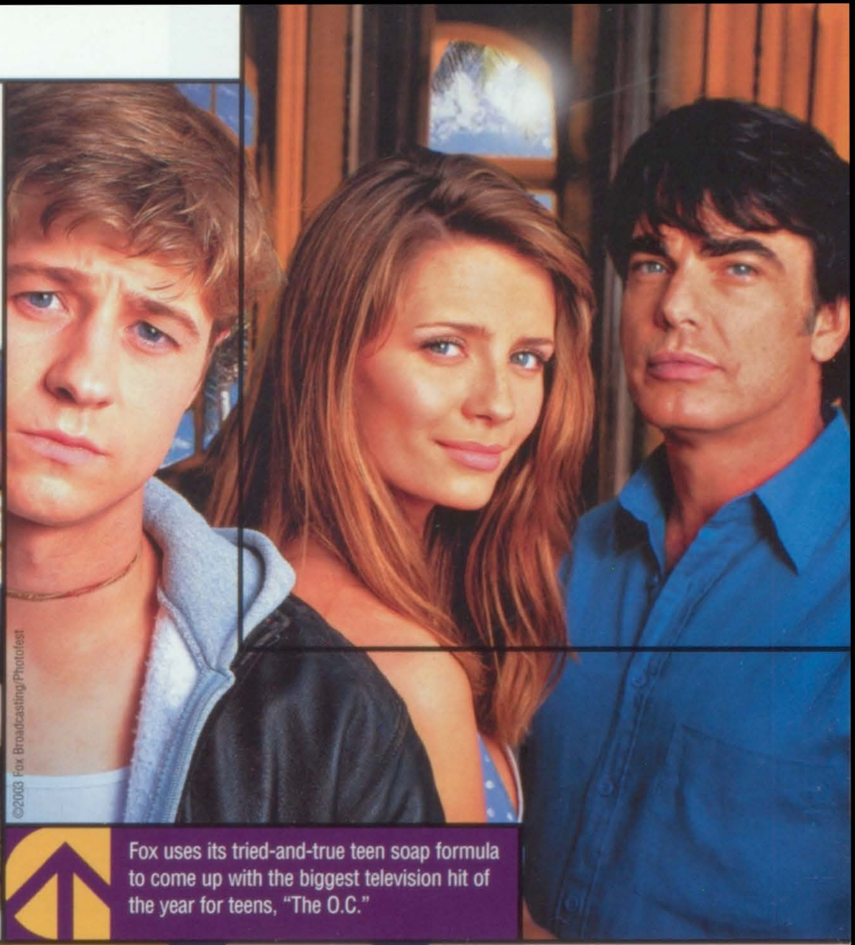
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Fox uses its tried-and-true teen soap formula to come up with the biggest television hit of the year for teens, "The O.C."

television

↓ In February 2004, CBS airs "Survivor: All-Stars," starring past "Survivor" winners and contestants.

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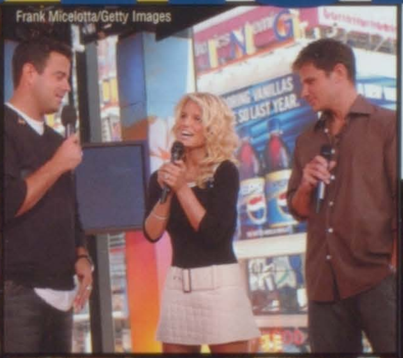
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← Jessica Simpson, star of MTV's "Newlyweds" with husband Nick Lachey, makes entertainment headlines for mistaking Chicken of the Sea tuna for chicken.

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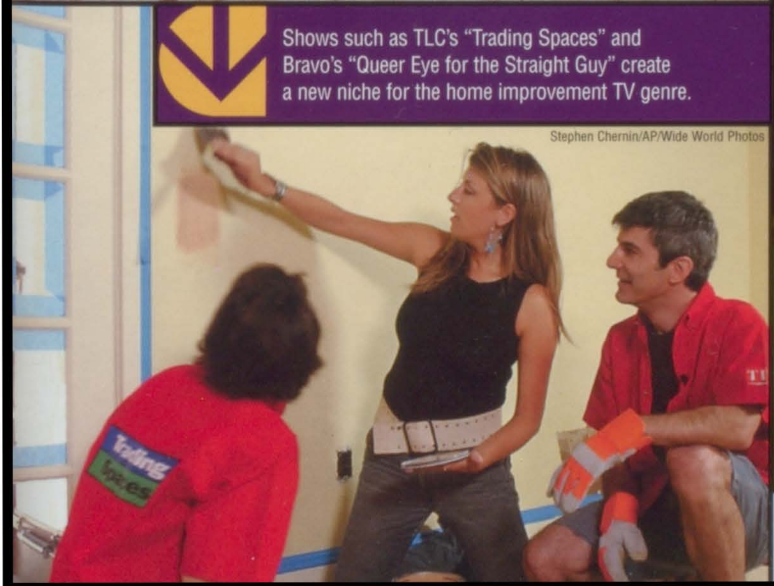
↑ Famous for "Three's Company" and star of ABC's "Eight Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter," actor John Ritter dies suddenly from heart failure in September.

Shows such as TLC's "Trading Spaces" and Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" create a new niche for the home improvement TV genre.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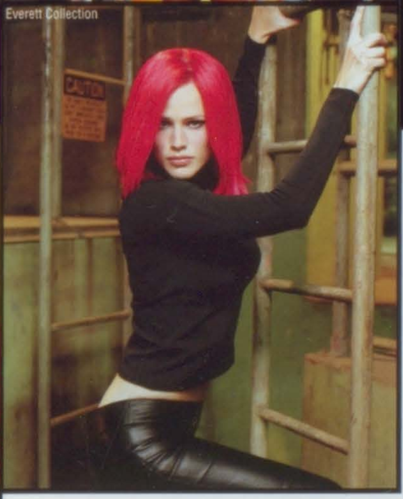
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← "Alias" star Jennifer Garner earns high viewer ratings for ABC TV and lights up the big screen in *13 Going on 30.*

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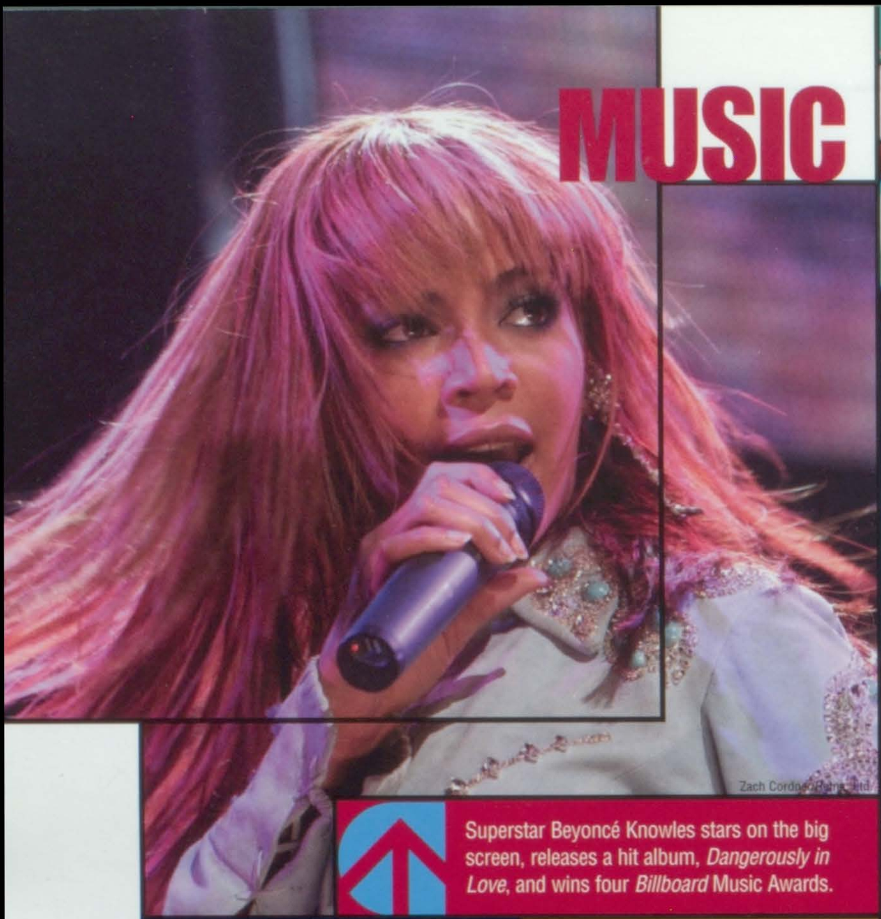

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Superstar Beyoncé Knowles stars on the big screen, releases a hit album, *Dangerously in Love*, and wins four *Billboard* Music Awards.

← The legal battle between the music industry and music downloaders prompts lawsuits and online music purchasing outlets, while driving CD prices to their lowest point in a decade.

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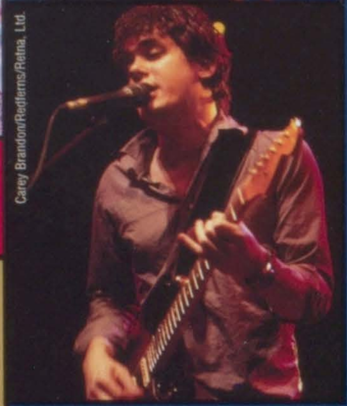
← According to Nielsen SoundScan, 50 Cent's debut, *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*, is 2003's best-selling album, with 6.5 million copies sold.



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← Songwriter John Mayer wins a Grammy in 2003 for the album *Room for Squares* and follows it up with *Heavier Things*.

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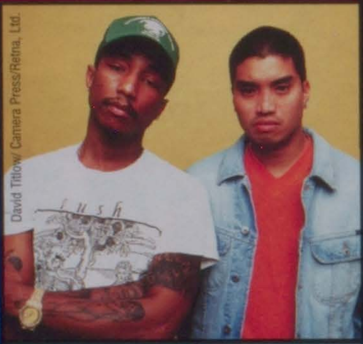

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→ The Neptunes' Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo receive three Grammy nominations as a production duo. Williams gets three more for collaborations with Snoop Dog and Jay-Z.

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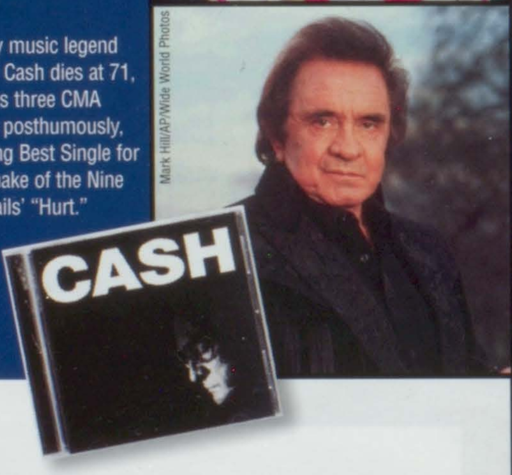
→ OutKast's genre-busting album *Speakerboxxx/ The Love Below*, featuring the infectious single "Hey Ya!," wins the Grammy for Album of the Year.



Mark Hill/AP/Wide World Photos

→ Country music legend Johnny Cash dies at 71, but wins three CMA awards posthumously, including Best Single for his remake of the Nine Inch Nails' "Hurt."

flash

Claiming that he has "had it with the rap game," Jay-Z, 33, retires after the release of *The Black Album*.

Coldplay claims the title of *Spin* magazine's Band of the Year, and the band's lead singer Chris Martin marries actress Gwyneth Paltrow.

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→ In December, Rolling Stones' legendary lead singer Mick Jagger, 60, is knighted by Prince Charles.

LucasArts

→ Role-playing games like "Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic" find mainstream success on consoles.

Cedar Point Amusement Park/Resort, Sandusky, Ohio

↑ Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio, boasts the world's tallest, fastest roller coaster, the Top Thrill Dragster.

The English Roses
by Madonna
MADONNA

← Pop diva-turned-author Madonna releases two children's books: *The English Roses* and *Mr. Peabody's Apples*. Her third book, *Yakov and the Seven Thieves*, arrives in late winter.

↓ Two months after being mauled by a tiger, Roy Horn, half of the famed "Siegfried and Roy" wild animal entertainment act, is released from a Las Vegas hospital.

Ethan Miller/Las Vegas Sun/Reuters NewMedia,Inc./Corbis

Joan Marcus

← Hugh Jackman of *X2: X-Men United* showcases his singing ability on Broadway in *The Boy from Oz*.

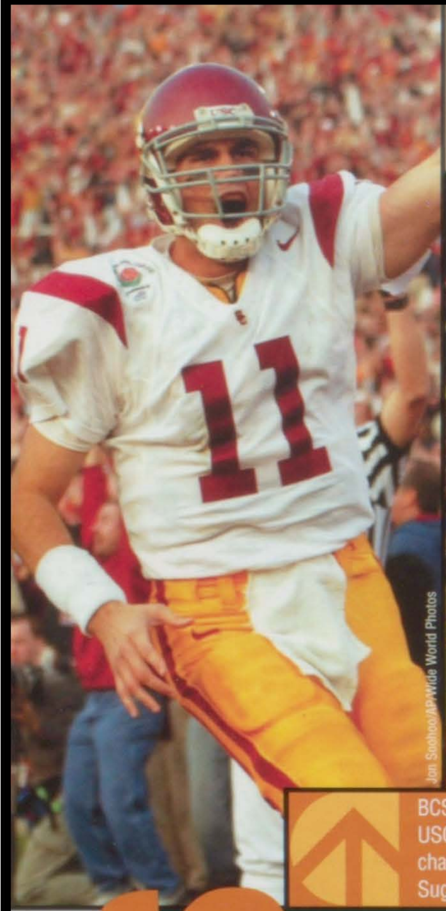
CBS/Landov

↑ On CBS's "Late Show" host David Letterman, 56, announces the November birth of his first child, a baby boy.

ERAGON
Christopher Paolini

← After the success of his best-selling fantasy novel *Eragon: Inheritance*, author Christopher Paolini, 19, begins writing the much-anticipated sequel.

SPORTS



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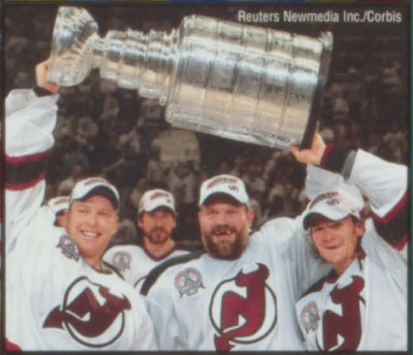
Dave Martin/AP/Wide World Photos

BCS computers fail to invite the nation's No. 1 team, USC, to the 2004 championship game. The Rose Bowl champion USC Trojans share the national title with the Sugar Bowl champion LSU Tigers.

Reuters/Landov

← Despite several crashes and severe dehydration, Lance Armstrong wins his fifth straight Tour de France by a mere 62 seconds.



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← Behind the defensive brilliance of goalie Martin Brodeur, the New Jersey Devils win the 2003 NHL Stanley Cup by icing the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 3-0 in game seven.

David Maxwell/EPA/Landov

← High school phenomenon LeBron James, 19, is picked first in the 2003 NBA Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers and enjoys instant success as a pro.

sports

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→ Led by MVP pitcher Josh Beckett, the Florida Marlins beat the heavily favored New York Yankees 2-0 in game six to win the 100th World Series.

Sergio Perez/EPA/Landov

→ Tennis pro Andy Roddick, 21, also known as Mandy Moore's boyfriend, wins his first grand slam title at the U.S. Open in September.

Herbert Knosowski/AP/Wide World Photos

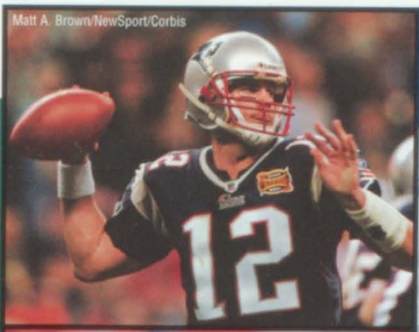
→ In September, Kenya's Paul Tergat sets the world record in the Berlin Marathon, running the 26.2-mile course in just 2 hours, 4 minutes, 55 seconds.

In June, Michelle Wie, 13, becomes the youngest winner of a U.S. Golf Association adult event when she wins the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links.

Tom Mihalek/EPA/Landov

→ The New England Patriots defeat the Carolina Panthers 32-29 with a field goal in the closing seconds to win Super Bowl XXXVIII.

→ Due to a lack of revenue, the Women's United Soccer Association gets the boot after just three seasons.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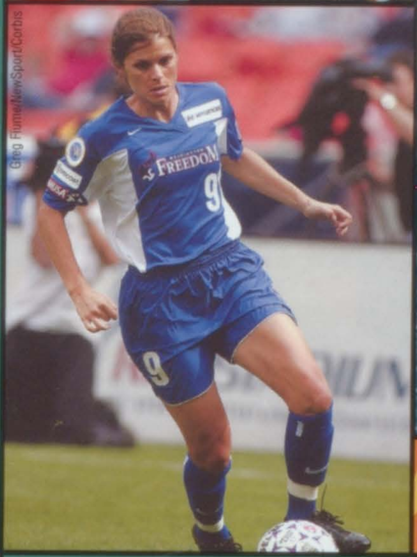
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Champion surfer Bethany Hamilton, 13, loses her arm in a shark attack. Just 10 weeks later, Hamilton places fifth in her age group at a National Scholastic Surfing Association meet in January 2004.

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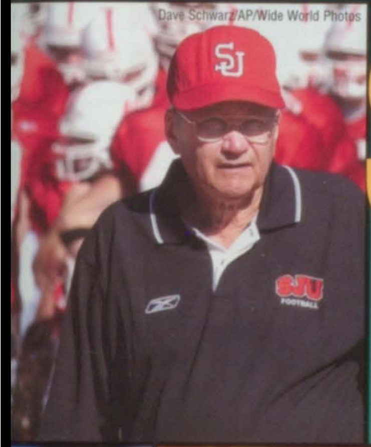
Dave Schwarz/AP/Wide World Photos

← St. John's University coach John Gagliardi, 77, leads his team to an undefeated NCAA Division III Football National Championship while also setting the NCAA Football record for coaching victories with 414.

Death-defying tricks and thrills bring the extreme sports craze to new heights at the January 2004 EXPN Winter X Games VIII in Aspen, Colorado.

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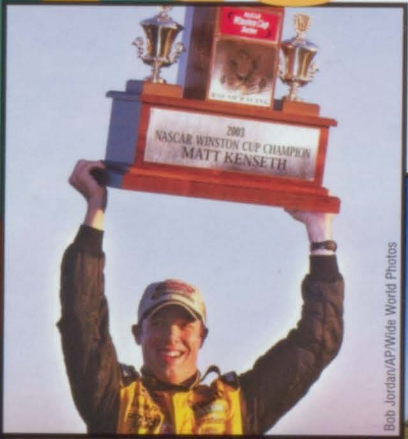

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← Matt Kenseth claims the NASCAR Winston Cup Series championship, after leading the standings through a record 33 races.

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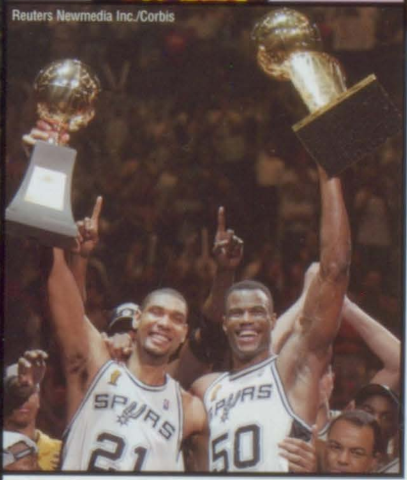
↑ Freddy Adu, 14, becomes the youngest American pro team athlete in over 100 years when he signs with D.C. United of Major League Soccer.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← League MVP Tim Duncan and David Robinson — in his final game — lead the San Antonio Spurs to the 2003 NBA title with a 4-2 series win over the New Jersey Nets.

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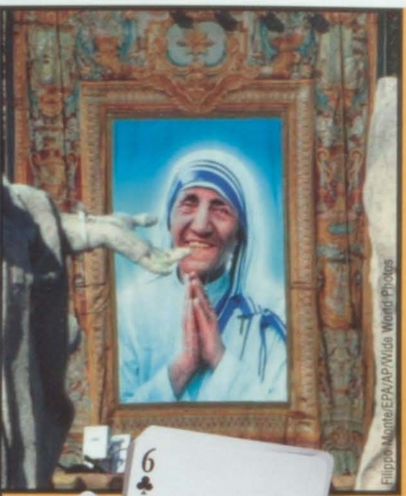
America loses three entertainment icons with the deaths of comedian Bob Hope, actress Katharine Hepburn and actor Gregory Peck.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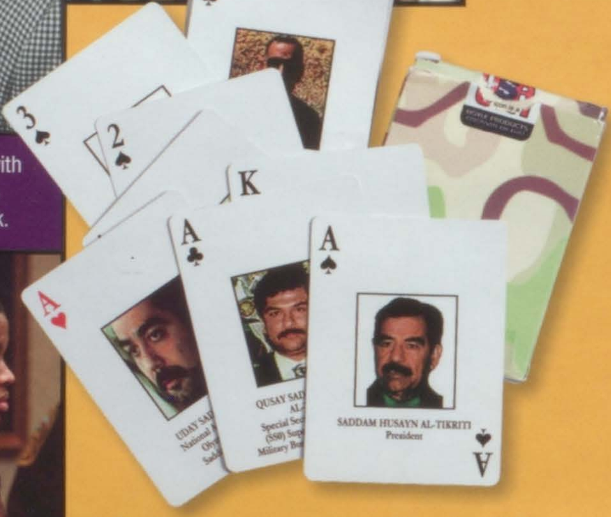
← In October, Mother Teresa of Calcutta is beatified by Pope John Paul II in Vatican City. This marks the final step before sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church.



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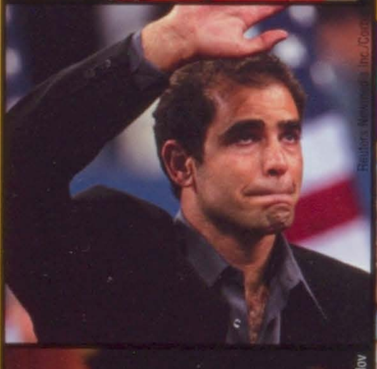
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→ Teen star Hilary Duff tops off her successful movie debut, *The Lizzie McGuire Movie*, with a hit pop album, *Metamorphosis*, and a nationwide tour.

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After being abducted for nine months, Elizabeth Smart is rescued and returns home in March 2003. Her story is made into a TV movie that airs later in the fall.

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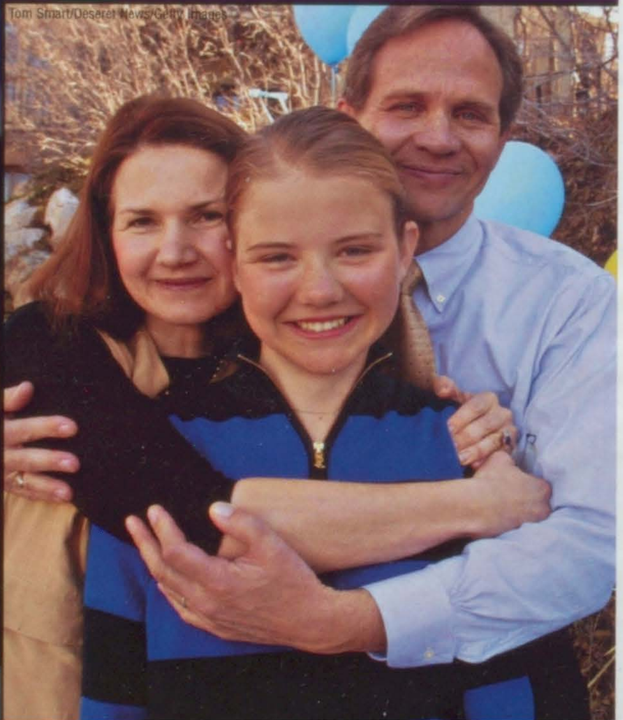

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